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UNDER THE PUNKAH.

By J. PENN.

Well, another Empire Day has come and went, and Bottletwaite is very angry about it. He walked a long way down Nathan Road to Kowloon post-office with a parcel which he particularly wanted to send away on Friday morning, and when he got there the dashed place was shut tight! George was indignant—eloquently so, for the parcel weighed just two stamps, under seven pounds, and his nice white pants and shoes were spattered with mud, and his topes were letting in the rain. "A fine way to celebrate Empire Day," he growled, "as if it were my fault." How do they expect the Empire to flourish if they shut up the post-offices? There are some places in the Colony that could be shut up or shut down, not for a day, or a year, but always, and never would be missed, but a post-office? I tried to pacify Bottletwaite by explaining that probably the staff had been given a holiday in order that they might celebrate the auspicious occasion, but George then started off on another tack. "What have we got to celebrate?" he growled. "Here we are with war all over China, and Government House falling to pieces. What is there to celebrate, I ask you?" Not being able to think of anything else, I said: "My birthday, George," so we celebrated accordingly, for though the post-office was shut, there were other places open.

Apart from Bottletwaite's own particular and personal grievance, I must say that there is a strange happy-go-lucky system—or absence of system—about the observance of Empire Day in Hong Kong. Some Government servants take a holiday; others do not; some British firms display national flags, and others do not; some British ships in port were "dressed," others were not—though the Chinese gunboats were ablaze with bunting in honour of a British day! Several Japanese commercial houses very courteously put out the British and their own flags to celebrate the occasion. Some school children had the inestimable pleasure and privilege of going to church twice this week instead of once, and I am sure will be very pleased that Empire Day comes only once a year. Really, either we ought to observe and celebrate Empire Day, or we should forget it. The way everybody does just what they like about it is absurd—and worse than absurd. Imagine an American community in an American overseas possession treating the Fourth of July in such a fashion, or our French friends backing and filling over the 14th! But here we just muddle through, and those who should give a lead as to what is the right thing to do on May 24 are as slack as the rest of us.

Here is a nice little patriotic story which seems appropriate just now. A man advertised for an office-boy, and in due course a bright little fellow presented himself. "What is your nationality?" he was asked. "Breish, sir," was the reply. "And your father's nationality?" "Breish, sir." "And your mother, too?" "Yes, sir, Breish."

"Jack 'olbs, sir."
"How do you spell your name?"
"J-a-c-k-o-l-b-s, sir."

So the folks at home are shocked at seeing ladies without stockings playing tennis. Wonder what they would say about some of the girls I see on the ferry! Most of them wear stockings, I believe, but being a bit short-sighted and the stockings being decidedly gossamer-like, official scrutineers would have to be appointed before I should feel completely satisfied one way or the other. But the sleeveless, yokeless, and almost skirtless frocks—what would Mr. and Mrs. Grundy say about these? All I have to say on the subject is that I am annoyed—very annoyed—that at this time of year I am compelled to wear dark glasses, and am thus not in a position to judge accurately whether I should be shocked or not.

And why shouldn't the girls wear—or unweave—just what they please? They will, anyway, so we might just as well give our full approval. The real fact of the matter is men are jealous of them. We haven't the moral courage to walk abroad in B.V.D. attire, so we must put up with the consequences, but that is no reason why the girls should carry around five or six pounds of clothes when they can make sixteen ounces do all that is needful. And they do it with such taste—hat, frock, shoes, and sunshade to match. We men have no idea of the time and trouble the girls spend (to say nothing of money) on matching things. A sweet little peach went into a shop last week to choose a tennis racket. "What weight do you like?" asked the assistant. "I don't think about weight," said the girl, "but it must have green strings."

Mary read a little Lamb (A writer much admired).
She laid it down and said, "Oh, damn!"
This fellow makes me "tired."

I have been discussing with Bottletwaite a plan for making money—easy money. One of us is to leave his cheque-book in a convenient spot, and the other is to take out a cheque, fill it in, sign the other fellow's name, and cash it. Then the party of the other part will rush frantically down to the bank and report the disappearance of a cheque from his book. Banker produces and cancelled cheque, but Bottletwaite and myself subsequently meet, at appointed rendezvous and split the "doings" fifty-fifty. Then we work it the reverse way—and again the banker will apologetically admit grave negligence on his part in not having realised the signature had been forged. We propose to work this scheme alternately until the banker gets suspicious; then we shall indignantly order him to close our accounts and transfer them elsewhere, and begin all over again—and so on, and so on. There are quite a lot of very respectable bankers to keep us in funds for a considerable time. There is one snag, however—either George or I have a banking account, and people are getting so fussy nowadays that it is doubtful whether either of us could get anyone to

give a recommendation that would satisfy a banker that we were desirable persons to have as clients.

"Women and that big animals are a nuisance in flats, and are now buying small pets, such as kittens, mice, and small lizards." I read in an evening paper. As a matter of fact, the Hon. Gloria Dingdong, Lady Stagnant's daughter, is, of course, well to the front of the new fashions, and yesterday she brought six grass snakes and an armadillo for her drawing-room. George P. Bottletwaite, too, is a devotee of this latest craze, and poisonous spiders now mingle with his other guests.

I heard the following yarn related the other evening in the captain's cabin on one of the best-known coasting steamers using this port. A skipper who has spent many years in the East, and has frequent touches of "liver" accordingly, had a new apprentice on the articles. Anxious to make a favourable impression upon the "Old Man," the youngster went about his duties in a very business-like manner.

One day, when the skipper was busy on the bridge and in the throes of a deuce of a "liver," the lad ran up to him and exclaimed: "Sir, please sir." "Go to blazes!" Don't bother me!" bellowed the skipper. A few minutes later the boy went up to him again. "Oh sir, it's important," he ventured, timidly. "Get out!" (and other things) bawled the disgruntled "old man."

After an interval of about five minutes the boy went up to the skipper for the third time, who looked what little patience he had. "Well, what the devil do you want? Sing it out!"

The lad sprang smartly to attention, and sang most solemnly:—"Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind!"

The bloomin' cock fell overboard and he's twenty miles behind!"

Yes, I know some of my readers heard that yarn fifty years ago, but that is no reason why the younger generation should not know it too.

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Tell me not with calm preamble
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How she left both Don and Campbell
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Lies of motorists remind us
We may tell a few ourselves,
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Tennis:—"A" Division: Kowloon C.C. v. M.B.K., Hong Kong C.C. v. M.B.K., Hong Kong C.C. v. South China, University v. Craigengower, Chinese R.O.C. v. Indian R.C. "B" Division: Nippon v. Kowloon C.C., Hong Kong C.C. v. Y.M.C.A., Chinese R.O.C. v. Recreation, R.E. and R.S. "C" Division: Chinese R.C. v. R.A.O.C., Craigengower v. Civil Service, Indian R.O.C. v. Recreation, Hong Kong C.C. v. R.E. and R.S.

Queen's Theatre: "The Student Prince."

World Theatre: "The Student Prince."

Star Theatre: "The Lone Wolf Returns."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m. Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Mores), 10.30 a.m.

Sunday (May 26.)

Trinity Sunday.

Queen's Theatre: "The Student Prince."

World Theatre: "The Student Prince."

Star Theatre: "The Lone Wolf Returns."

Monday (May 27.)

Sale of Crown Land: New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1241, and Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1242, P.W.D. Offices, 3 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Student Prince."

World Theatre: "The Night City" (at 6.15 and 8.30) other houses Chinese picture "The Phantom Palace."

Star Theatre: "Lovey Mary."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m. Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Tuesday (May 28.)

Hong Kong Stock Exchange Settlement Day.

Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Diamond Handcuffs."

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HAYLEY MORRIS LIBEL CASE.

DRAMATIC EVIDENCE AT RESUMED HEARING.

LOADED GUN BESIDE HIS BED.

CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES.

Before Mr. Justice Horridge and a Special Jury in the King's Bench Division the hearing was continued of three consolidated libel actions brought by Mr. Hayley Eustace Morris, of Pippingford Park, Sussex, against United Newspapers (1918), Limited, in respect of articles which appeared in the *Daily Chronicle* and the *Sunday News*.

Mr. Carr, continuing his opening, said the alleged incidents about Grace Stevens having been forced to consent to the plaintiff's advances by being beaten with a boot-tree were pure invention.

Climb from Window.

Under the heading "Climb from Window," said counsel, was what purported to be Grace Stevens's statement to her mother. After stating that the plaintiff hit her many times with the boot-tree because she would not go to his room, the article continued:—

Dodging him, I climbed out of the window which was in the upper part of the house, and by clutching the chimneys and creepers I got to the ground. I knew he would hit me again when he caught me. . . . When I entered the house I heard dreadful screams coming from one of the rooms, and when I got there, I screamed, too. Morris was standing over Madeline with a big leather dog-whip in his hand, and he thrashed her with it.

Counsel held up a small dog-whip, which, he said, was the only one in the house.

The article continued:— He tried to strike me also when he saw me, but I dodged him, and when he left Madeline I went to her. I asked her the reason for Morris's cowardly conduct. "He has thrashed me because you escaped from his room," she said, "and he has told me that if you don't do, as he wants, you to he will thrash me again."

The allegations that the plaintiff staged orgies and was guilty of other mad conduct were of minor significance, but when they came to the allegations as to his ill-treatment of his wife it was a matter which justified him in asking a jury to punish the libeller, said Mr. Carr.

The Plaintiff's Evidence.

The plaintiff, giving evidence, said that he was still living at Pippingford Park, which he bought towards the end of June, 1922. It comprised 962½ acres and was a rough farm. There was a derelict mansion which had not been occupied for many years. He lived in a house on the farm known as the Crow's Nest. It was assessed at £235.

Mr. Carr: It is suggested in these articles that you are a man of great wealth—I am not.

The plaintiff said that he first met Madeline Roberts at the Palais de Danse, Hammersmith, and the next day she came to live with him at Pippingford Park. He married her on October 28, 1925. It was not true that his prosecution was the reason for his marriage, and he had never told anyone that it was. About six weeks before he was arrested he heard that Miss Roberts was about to have a child, and believing that he was the father and that she might give birth to the child while in prison, he thought that the least he could do for the infant was to legitimate it. His father, in his will, had left considerable property to his grandchildren.

He (the plaintiff) was sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour and one year's imprisonment to run consecutively, and his wife was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.

He provided for her at the Crow's Nest, but, in consequence of information which came to him, he instituted divorce proceedings, the co-respondent being Detective Dudley Wood, whom he had met six weeks before his arrest. He knew him as Sir Dudley Wood, but was not aware at the time that he was a detective. The suit for divorce was undefended, and he obtained a decree.

The Garb of Virtue.

Taken through the articles, the plaintiff denied that he ever strutted about in the garb of virtue or held himself out to be a person of any special moral character. To his knowledge there had been no orgies staged at Pippingford Park. He had never bullied or beaten Madeline Roberts or been cruel to her.

In answer to further questions, the plaintiff denied that he lived in a lonely retreat. There were two lakes on the estate, and on about three occasions in 1925 some persons bathed there, but there were no orgies or bathing parties. Everyone he saw there wore a bathing costume and behaved in a respectable manner.

He did not engineer an audacious conspiracy to try to defeat the ends of justice.

Mr. Carr: Did you betray any daughter of Mrs. Stevens?—I have never betrayed anybody in my life.

after she became your wife—I had rows with Madeline Roberts. Was that because you carried on with other girls?—She engineered the carrying on with other girls for the purpose of blackmailing me.

A Qualification.

Did you ever whip Madeline Roberts before or after your marriage with her?—I never whipped her in my life. May I qualify that?

His Lordship: Yes.

The plaintiff: Some considerable time before I was arrested, Madeline Roberts made an excuse to leave the Crow's Nest in circumstances which provoked my suspicion. I followed her and found that she met a man at East Grinstead Railway Station and had gone to a hotel with him for about two hours. I told her that I was done with her and would have nothing more to do with her. Finally she went on her knees and asked me to forgive her, and I did so. She then said "I am so sorry for what I have done. If you will give me a spanking I will never do it again."

I gave her a friendly spanking (laughter) which could not have hurt her. A day or two later she offended me and asked me to spank her again. I replied: "I believe you, like being spanked; therefore, I won't."

Mr. Carr: Is that the only possible foundation for any suggestion of violence?—Yes.

Was that many months before she became your bride?—Yes.

The plaintiff said that he had never struck Madeline in the face. Mrs. Stevens never complained to him of his having ill-treated her daughter or anyone else. He never suggested that he intended to commit suicide or that Madeline Roberts, Mrs. Stevens, or anybody else should commit suicide with him.

Not a Life of Leisure.

Mr. Carr: Did you have a loaded gun beside your bed?—Yes; for a few days after a robbery at my house. I always had a sporting gun in the house.

Answering further questions, the plaintiff denied that he thrashed Madeline with a dog-whip or that he swore and shouted at people when he got angry. He did not threaten Mrs. Stevens or throw an ornament at her, and it was untrue that she "toppled him headlong downstairs." She did not escape from the house at midnight, nor did he chase her in a motor-car.

The girl Grace first came to the house without his knowledge or consent. He never asked her to go to his room and he did not strike her because she refused.

Cross-examined by Mr. Flowers, the plaintiff said that he was 41 years of age. The average man might think he had a good income, but in his opinion he had not.

Mr. Flowers: You were living a life of leisure at Pippingford Park?—I was not. I was farming, and had the third largest pig farm in England.

Was there any other man living at the Crow's Nest besides yourself?—Yes, on occasions.

Generally?—There was no other man permanently resident in the house.

A number of young girls came there?—Yes, on different occasions. They came there ostensibly to act as servants—kennel-maids, and so forth?—Not all.

Nearly all?—Yes.

Counsel put a number of questions concerning the girls with whom it was alleged the plaintiff had immoral relations at his house.

Grace Stevens.

Questioned above Grace Stevens, the plaintiff said that he was not at the Crow's Nest when she was first brought there. He had relations with her mother's knowledge, and before then he was blackmailed by Mrs. Stevens, Madeline, and Grace, and had paid them all money. Once he gave Mrs. Stevens £20 and on at least 20 occasions he sent her small sums by her daughters.

Mr. Flowers: Why did you not turn them out of your house?—I tried to.

The plaintiff said that Grace Stevens forced her attentions on him. Even before he had anything to do with her she threatened that she would expose him. Madeline also told him that he would have to send money to her mother every week, and he did so. He became so miserable because of the blackmailing that life was not worth living. He became convinced that he would have to keep the family always.

In answer to his Lordship, the plaintiff made a long statement as to the way in which he was "tricked" by Madeline and her sister.

His Lordship: The answer to my question is that they blackmailed you before you had relations with the girl Grace?—Yes.

Mr. Flowers: You say that all girls were immoral before they came to your house. Was any one of them questioned at your trial as to her previous character?—No; I maintain that I was let down at my trial by my counsel and everybody concerned. Not one of my witnesses was called.

You were not called either?—No; if I had gone into the witness-box I should have incriminated Madeline Roberts.

The woman who, you say, had been blackmailing you for months? Yes, I realized that I could not, with honour, go into the witness-box and incriminate Madeline as I had married her and she expected to become a mother.

Was not another reason that you could not, on oath, dispute the evidence of the girls called for the prosecution?—No; that was not the reason at all.

Mr. Flowers: You sat in the dock and allowed "not a single question to be put to the girls about their characters?—I have told you that I was let down.

You could not have been convicted unless it was proved that they were girls of good character?—That is why I say I was let down. It is disgraceful that my witnesses were not called.

Refused Leave to Appeal.

The plaintiff said that he was not defended properly, and added:—I was refused leave to appeal. I want to appeal to the House of Lords, and the Home Secretary dare not let me do so because he knows I should win my case.

Mr. Flowers: You went to the Court of Criminal Appeal?—Yes, and my application for leave to appeal was refused.

Your application was fully heard?—No, it was not.

Did not the Lord Chief Justice say?

Mr. Comyns Carr objected.

His Lordship: I think it can be put in as a matter of character.

Mr. Flowers (reading from the Criminal Appeal Reports) said that the Lord Chief Justice stated that a more appalling case of the kind was not within the recollection of the Court. If the law permitted it the appellant merited a long term of penal servitude, and if a sentence of ten years had been passed on him his counsel could have had nothing to urge against it.

The plaintiff: I was tricked into prison by false evidence.

Mr. Flowers said that the Lord Chief Justice had suggested that the sentence allowed by statute for such offences as the plaintiff had committed was wholly inadequate.

The plaintiff: It was a put-up job and the Home Secretary had ulterior motives. I am waiting for the next Government in the hope that I can obtain justice.

Mr. Flowers: You say that you were blackmailed, that the girls who gave evidence were all of loose character, and that your own counsel let you down. Is there anybody else?—Is that a fair question?

His Lordship: Quite.

The plaintiff: Then there are other people I should like to attack.

Mr. Flowers: It was your duty to protect these young girls in your house—Provided they behaved properly.

The plaintiff further said that all the girls, with one or two exceptions, made suggestions to him with a view to blackmailing him.

Mr. Flowers: Why did you not put a stop to it?—That is what I want to know now.

The plaintiff also said that during the trial at Lewes witnesses were told what to admit and what to deny by nods and shakes of the head by a representative from the Public Prosecutor's office.

Mr. Flowers: Do you suggest that in a criminal prosecution of this kind he was wicked enough to direct the witness?—I am not suggesting it; I say definitely that he was.

The hearing was adjourned.

CINEMA NEWS.

"DIAMOND" HANDCUFFS COMING TO QUEEN'S

The romantic histories of famous diamonds, from the time of the Golconda to the modern Hope diamond, with its trail of intrigue, tragedy and mystery, was looked up in making "Diamond Handcuffs," which is coming to the Queen's on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The story traces the adventures of a great diamond from its discovery in Africa into the mazes of the underworld, and much of the detail is based on history.

The cast includes Eleanor Boardman, Conrad Nagel, Lawrence Grey, Gwen Lee, and many others. The settings include a diamond mine in operation, a night club, and a sensational battle in a city street.

SCOUTING ATTACKED.

"TALKING THROUGH THEIR HATS" AT MONMOUTH.

Attacks on the Boy Scout movement were made at the annual assembly of the Monmouthshire Congregational Union at Newport.

Mr. Enock Lawton, referred to "the incalculable harm and mischief done by Boy Scouts," Girl Guides and all this nonsense." The Rev. C. J. Barry, of Newport, said he thought there was always a danger of young people's movements in the churches swinging over to military ideals, and another minister stated that his son, a Pacifist, spent two years of the War period in gaol.

The Rev. Repton Richards, of Birmingham, said those who talked about "defending their country" talked through their hats.

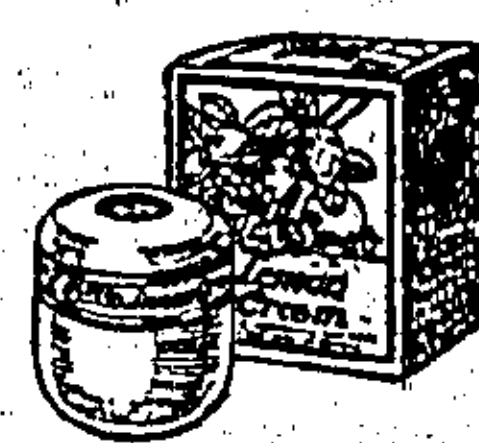


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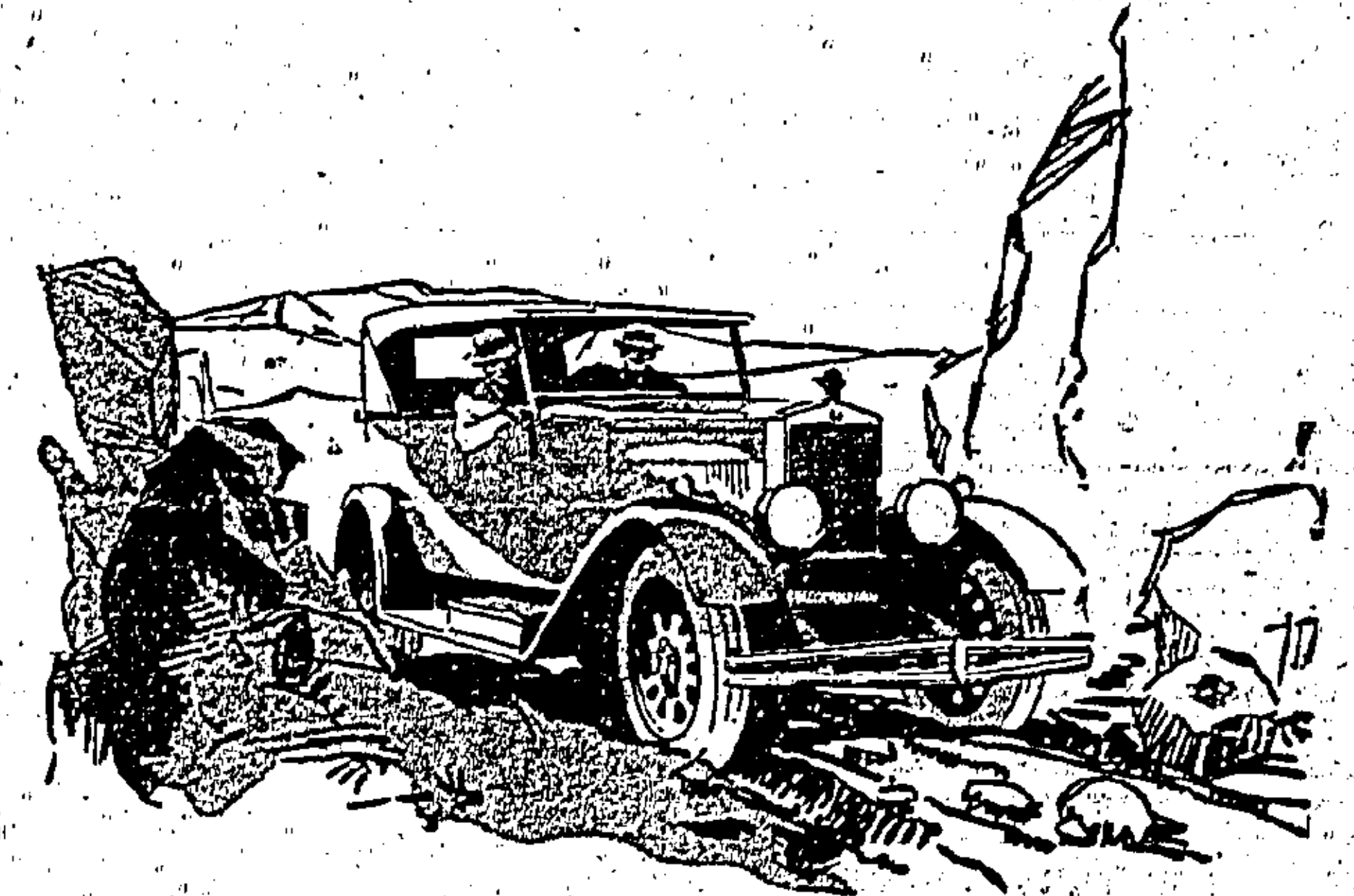
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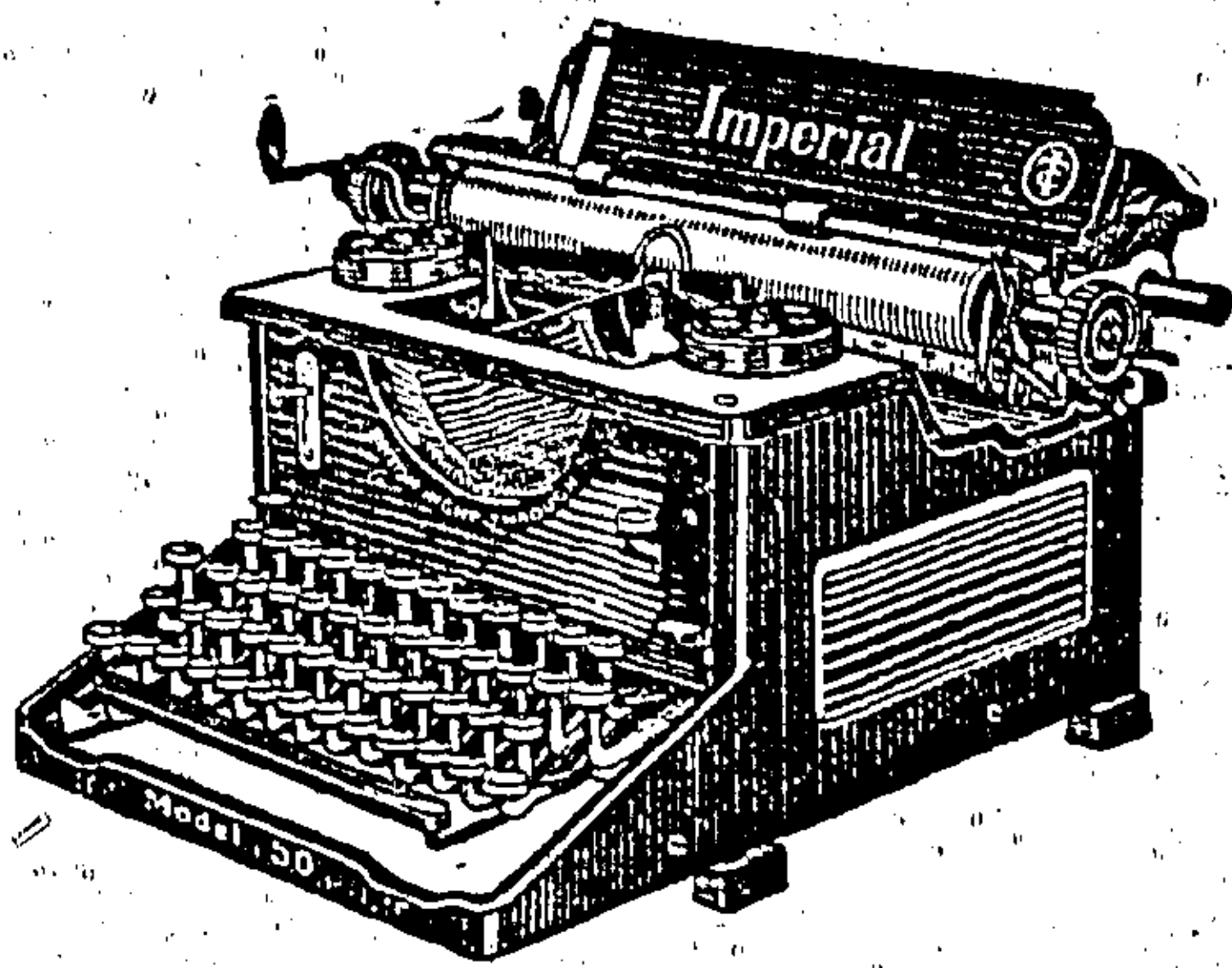
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SPORT AND ATHLETICS.

TEST MATCH CRICKETER FOR OXFORD.

Brasenose College has latterly taken the proud position once held by Magdalen as the pre-eminent sporting college in Oxford University. The number of "blues" gained by undergraduates from Brasenose of recent years far surpasses the record of any other college, not only I believe, at Oxford but at Cambridge also. It was indeed largely owing to the fact that Brasenose was so consistently successful that the bottom was knocked out of the interest in the inter-collegiate cricket cup competition, which has accordingly been abandoned.

That Brasenose's prestige should attract to the college the best of the cricketers going on to Oxford is natural, and I learn that two notable recruits to Oxford cricket are going into residence there. One of these is the twenty-one-year-old Australian cricketer, E. A. Beckett, who played in the third and fourth Tests against Chapman's men and came out with a batting average of 28. He was less successful as a bowler, however—his chief claim for inclusion, for his two wickets cost over a hundred runs apiece. For Victoria he has shown excellent form as an all-rounder, and Oxford will undoubtedly welcome such a valuable recruit, who, contrary to early expectations, will not be available this summer term, as he is continuing his studies at Melbourne University until July and will go into residence at Oxford in October.

Brasenose's other recruit will be ready to give the Oxford eleven his assistance during the forthcoming term and also in the University match, for a "blue" would appear to be assured to I. A. B. Peebles, who has not only rendered good service to Middlesex as a bowler but has also already represented England in a Test match, being a member of the team which visited South Africa two years ago.

MARRIAGE OF W. HAMMOND.

W. Hammond, the Gloucestershire and England cricketer, was recently married at Bingley to Miss Dorothy Lister, daughter of Mr. J. R. Lister, a well-known Bradford wool merchant. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Bradford, assisted by Canon B. Garrod, the Vicar of Bingley. H. Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire cricketer, was one of the groomsmen, and among those present were W. H. Rowland, the Gloucester captain. After the ceremony a reception, at which 200 guests attended, was held in the Masonic Hall in Bradford.

EXTRAORDINARY SCHOOL BOYS.

One has got to go right back to the early seventies, when the Hon. M. J. Brooks and C. L. Lockton were making athletic history, to find any parallel for the prowess of England's present schoolboy jumpers. Before he left Rugby Brooks jumped 5ft. 5in., and was the first athlete ever to clear 6ft. after he went up to Oxford. In 1878 he made the still unbroken Oxford and Cambridge high jump record of 6ft. 2 1/2 in. In 1873 C. L. Lockton, then 16 years of age, took the English long jump championship with 19ft. 4in., and became the youngest English champion. Before he left Merchant Taylors he repeatedly got close to 25ft. Last year even Lockton's amazing feats were eclipsed by J. Simpson, of Oundle, 18 years of age and now a student at Manchester University, who increased the Public Schools championship record to 25ft. 3 1/2 in. His 17-year-old contemporary E. A. Simmons, Taunton's School, Southampton, who attained Olympic status in the same year, clearing 5ft. 1 1/2 in. at Amsterdam, made a new high jump record for the Public Schools meeting of 5ft. 10 1/2 in. No less remarkable is G. M. Moll, Bedford School, who gained his county colours at 15 years of age and at 17 cleared 5ft. 11 1/2 in.

"BARRACKING."

The origin of the term "barracking," now a part of the vocabulary of cricket, is almost forgotten even in Australia—though not the art, as Duckworth learned. Its birthplace was the vacant land near the Victoria Barracks on St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, where scratch teams used to play football on Saturday afternoons in such a vigorous manner that a rough footballer, or those who encouraged rough or unfair play, became known by way of identifying their attitude towards sport, as "barracking." The term "barracking," to describe the methods of verbal attack and defence (or offence) adopted by these stentors, inevitably followed. Unfortunately the practice it denotes is no longer confined to football.

SCOTTISH TEN-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.

J. Suttie Smith (Dundee Thistle) won the Scottish ten-mile flat championship at Hampden Park, Glasgow, last month. His time was 51min. 7.4secs., which is a new Scottish record. Suttie Smith beat F. L. Stevenson (Monkland H.) by 30 seconds; with McDonald (Shetleston H.) third.

FOOTBALL TEAM "WALKS OFF."

The replayed final match for the Manx Football Association's cup between St. George's and Rushen United at Douglas, Isle of Man, recently, ended suddenly eight and a half minutes before time, when the Rushen team left the field after the referee had ordered off W. Corrie, the centre forward, for using insulting language to him when a free kick was awarded against Rushen. St. George's were leading by three goals to none. At a recent meeting of the Isle of Man Football Association W. Corrie and his brother E. Corrie, who played outside left for Rushen, were suspended until the next season. The remaining nine players of the Rushen team were suspended till the end of the season. There was a noisy demonstration in the corridor outside the Association's headquarters, and the police had to be called in to quell the disturbance before the meeting could continue.

AUSTRALIAN HORSE FOR ENGLISH RACING.

English racegoers will soon have the pleasure of seeing Strephon, the winner of the £2,000 Victorian Derby on an English racecourse. The son of Saltash, who won the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown in 1923, was included in the programme of the Sydney sales, but as no greater offer than one of 9,000 guineas could be obtained the owner withdrew him. He had previously refused 12,500 guineas for him. Mr. Green said he would send him by the first steamer available to England to race. Strephon has won the last nine races in which he has started.

NOTED CANADIAN FOR ENGLAND.

A message from Toronto says that Jack Guest, the Canadian sculler who lost to Joe Wright in the Diamond Sculls last year, and who rowed with Wright in the doubles at the Amsterdam Olympiad, is going to England, where he will study accountancy. He hopes to do some single sculling, and may possibly compete in the next Diamond Sculls competition.

TRAIN KILLS A RACEHORSE.

Polo, a Welsh racehorse, which had won prizes at more than forty race meetings, was run over and killed by a passenger train near Dyserth, Flintshire. The owner was Mr. Corbett Lloyd Ellis, of Prestatyn.

MAINLY FOR THE MEN.

Fifty thousand miles in a 300-ton vessel is the little jaunt on which a Danish scientific expedition now in Eastern waters is engaged. The leader is Prof. Johannes Schmidt, the discoverer of the amazing migrations of the eel, and he has with him two zoologists, a hydrographer and a botanist. Their ship, the Dana, is elaborately fitted to carry out researches of oceanographic interest, including geologic, botanical and chemical investigation of the contents of the seas. The scientists are in constant communication with Copenhagen through their wireless outfit. They have been in a great variety of climates, including the North Atlantic near Iceland, the Caribbean Sea, New Zealand waters, and now the tropics again. They do not expect to reach Denmark before 1930, and Hong Kong will probably see the Dana, as the expedition has work to do in the Indian Ocean after visiting North China and Japan. Local "men" who dread the boredom of four weeks between Marseilles and Hong Kong will be interested to know that Mrs. Schmidt is on board, and has every intention of making the diminutive Dana her home until she sees Denmark again.

Notwithstanding all the facetious remarks about "The Man who Won the War" and "The Politician who Lost the Peace," it has been generally conceded that for some time prior to the autumn of 1918 Mr. Lloyd George was the greatest individual figure on the world's stage. In more recent times, however, so many writers of books dealing with the War years have delivered bitter attacks on the Liberal leader that, with every desire to do even more than justice to a man whose star has waned, one is compelled to admit that some of the glamour has disappeared from his name. Complete condemnation of his conduct has come from high quarters with distressing frequency, but nothing has been quite so startling as the allegations made in the newly-published work of Brigadier-General John Charteris, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.P. General Charteris, who has been honoured by America, Belgium, France and Japan, was on the staff for many years. In brief, he charges Mr. Lloyd George with stupid obstinacy and responsibility for the heavy loss of life suffered by the British during the German push of March, 1918. He further alleges

that Earl Haig's distrust of Mr. Lloyd George was so intense that the soldier only remained at his post in response to the earnest entreaties of those around him. Ten and a half years have elapsed since peace came, but even that period is far too brief to allow the events of 1914-1918 to be seen in their true perspective. The final judgment cannot be passed by this generation and it is impossible to rectify these repeated personal attacks without some feelings of disgust. Mistakes were made during the War—tragic and costly blunders will always occur in campaigns of such magnitude—but it has never been suggested that Mr. Lloyd George withheld an ounce of effort or refrained from any personal sacrifice in the common cause. His motives were intensely patriotic and his energy astounding. Any blunders of which he was guilty were honest blunders, such as are deserving of some kinder reference than the purposeless mud-slinging that has become the fashion.

Robert Louis Stevenson, who once wrote an essay in praise of idleness, would appreciate the dictum of Dr. Jesse Williams, Professor of Physical Education at Columbia University, that alarm clocks, early morning exercises, and cold showers are all wrong. Insurance companies in the United States have added greatly to their wealth by providing wireless callisthenics for the average American family seeking health and energy. Father, mother, and the children set their alarm clocks for the 7 a.m. turn on the wireless, and indulge in vigorous forward and backward bending under the guidance of their unseen instructor. He tells them stories to make them happy, dismisses them to their cold tubs, and assures everyone that the day has been well started. But Dr. Williams will have none of this. He regards the alarm clock as the worst means of awakening, saying: "It is a distinct shock to the nervous system. When a man is asleep all his functions, such as the heart and respiration, are very much slowed down. The alarm clock literally kicks him out of bed."

Dr. Williams laments the fact that Americans are rushing about and calling such excitement progress, and regards the wireless exercises as a commercialised exploitation which will make Americans a race of nervous wrecks.

He would proceed leisurely with early morning rising, imitating the dog and the cat by stretching first one limb and then another and coming gradually to consciousness.

Mr. Everett Hunt, a thirty-four-year-old professor of science and mathematics in the high schools at Oakland City, Ind., is about to begin building a machine that he believes will take him straight to the planet Mars. While he may not be the first man to feel this ambition, he at least has a new idea about locomotion. The rocket-like contrivances which others have proposed for such inter-stellar journeys have been discarded by him; in their place he is developing a car which, he says, will take him to Mars in five minutes and will bring him back again when he is ready to leave—something that the rockets would not do. His proposed super-flying machine is to be a large pear-shaped affair of duralumin, with a complicated motor on the top where the stem ought to be.

These are dark days for Communists and people of that ilk. One by one former stalwarts of the downtrodden proletariat are slipping away into the opposite camp, lured by the refinements of a bloated bourgeoisie. J. H. Thomas long since ceased to be a typical representative of Labour and affects the bluff, good-hearted Tory manner. Others have gone. Trotsky is in exile; Mussolini once a Socialist, is a Roman Emperor. And now A. J. Cook, stormy petrel of the miners, prime mover in the general strike, speaks fair words of the Prince of Wales. What is more, when he is attacked by his former Socialist friends, he adds to the fair words. "The Prince is a great man and a daring man," he says, and he confesses that his republican sympathies are not as strong as they used to be. It is a notable conversion this, and Mr. Cook, who must be a man of ability or he would never have gained the leadership of his class that he has done, is to be congratulated on his courage. His act is another sign that the red flag is not so popular in Great Britain as it was five or six years ago. The British working man may be misguided at times, but his sturdy common sense pulls him through. And in the promotion of the new spirit in Great Britain to-day the quiet influence of the King and the Royal Family has played a large part.

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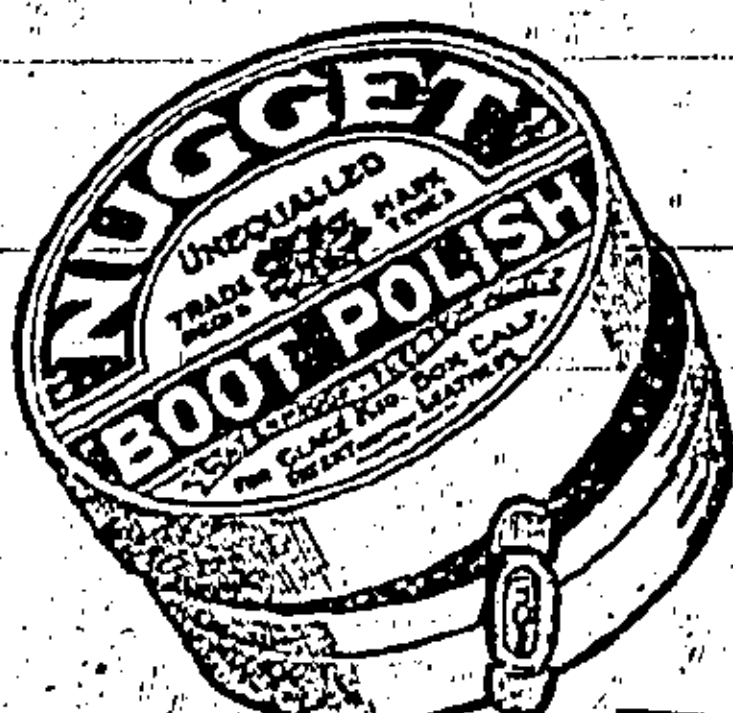
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HONG KONG INSURANCE BUSINESS IN 1928.

CARGO BUSINESS OUTLOOK NOT ENCOURAGING.

LONDON UNDERWRITERS CONSIDERING THE SITUATION.

PROFITS ON FIRE INSURANCE.

Three Insurance Companies held their annual meetings of shareholders, in the offices of their General Managers, Union Building, yesterday. The companies in question were the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., and the British Traders Insurance Co., Ltd., the last meeting being held in private.

The question of marine insurance was again raised by Mr. W. L. Pattenden, from the Chair, at the 50th ordinary yearly meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. He said that while there had been some improvement in hull rates, cargo rates had remained at an extremely low level. There was one hopeful feature, the Chairman continued, that underwriters in London and at other centres were realising the seriousness of the outlook, and holding conferences with the object of bringing about an improvement.

Speaking later, at Chairman of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the 60th ordinary yearly meeting of that Company, Mr. W. L. Pattenden said that bearing in mind the difficult conditions now prevailing in the underwriting world, he thought that the figures shown in the balance sheet might be considered satisfactory. An interim dividend of 33 per share had been recommended.

Supporting the Chairman at both meetings were: Messrs. W. H. Bell, L. J. Davies, J. A. Plummer and J. P. Warren (Directors) and Mr. Paul Lauder (General Manager).

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman (Mr. W. L. Pattenden) addressed the meeting as follows:—

The working account for the year 1927 after allowing for a bonus to contributors and an interim dividend of 24s. per share show a balance of £148,020.25 available for distribution and your directors recommend that this balance be dealt with in the following manner.

A final dividend of 18s. per share on 135,000 shares to be paid to shareholders absorbing £243,000 and that the balance remaining be carried forward to underwriting suspense account to close the account for the year 1927.

The balance of the Working Account for the year 1928 is £436,179 19s. 5d. and the board recommends an interim dividend of 24/- per share be paid to shareholders absorbing £324,000 and that a bonus of 20 per cent. be paid to contributors of business on bonus terms absorbing about £20,000 and that the remainder be carried forward.

Marine Insurance Business.

As regards marine business generally for the past year I wish I were in a position to sound a really hopeful note but whilst there has been some improvement in hull rates, cargo rates have remained at an extremely low level and it has not yet been found possible to bring about any material increase. Several of the marine tariffs have recently collapsed owing to competition from non-tariff sources and the outlook, as far as cargo business is concerned, is therefore not very encouraging. With the keen competition for business that at present exists it seems to me to be essentially a time when the head offices of marine companies should exercise very close supervision of their activities throughout the world and thus assist in placing the business on a more stable basis. There is one hopeful feature in the whole situation and that is that underwriters in London and at other centres are apparently realising the seriousness of the position, and conferences are being held from time to time with the object of bringing about an improvement. Underwriters I believe are also operating on a more cautious and restricted basis which should have a beneficial effect. There are many problems connected with marine business which it is unnecessary for me to dwell upon here but I think what I have said sufficiently indicates the difficult times through which we are passing. There is, however, an earnest desire for improvement which I hope will soon materialize.

Turning to the Society's figures you will notice that as regards the year 1927 after payment of the final dividend of £108,000 there will remain a balance of £40,080 2s. 6d. which I trust will be sufficient to wind up the outstandings for that year.

Fire Insurance in 1928.

Our Fire Insurance business during 1928 has resulted in a small profit and our general account has also resulted profitably. Fire insurance conditions in certain fields continue very difficult, notably in Australia and New Zealand. The profits of our fire and general accounts have as usual been calculated after the necessary reserve has been set up to meet outstanding claims.

As regards the 1928 Marine Account it is too early to prophesy regarding the outcome but I am hopeful that the year will result in a profit.

Bonus Dividend Discontinued.

You will notice this year that it has been decided to discontinue paying the bonus dividend of 5s. per share which has been paid for the last four years. This step I may say is a precautionary measure as it is felt in the present state of the marine market it is not wise to continue making these bonus distributions. The Society during many years of its history has paid its shareholders a good proportion of its underwriting profits but the times call for a cautious policy and we do not think it advisable to continue paying such a large proportion of our profits in dividend. I may add that a number of the leading Insurance Companies operating in England practically pay their dividends out of their interest earnings. You will notice this year that the Society's distribution to its shareholders on the basis of 22 per share will cost £270,000 whereas our interest will amount approximately to £284,000.

Present Distribution to be Maintained.

In this connection I would explain that the interest for the year 1928 of £284,000 shown in the balance sheet will be increased to approximately the above mentioned figure by the close of the account at the end of the second year. For the general information of shareholders I may here inform you it is considered that the present distribution amounting to 22 per share can be maintained and as the Society accumulates profits and invests them its interest will increase and an increase in the permanent dividend can then be made. These are the lines which your directors think it wise to adopt, this decision being prompted by the difficulties experienced in the business and the consequent call for a conservative policy. I feel certain that as this matter receives the full and studied consideration of our shareholders they will endorse the policy laid down.

A Very Strong Position.

I think you will agree that the figures in the balance sheet indicate a very strong position. As regards our investments the Society and its affiliated companies continue to invest their funds in securities of a high grade nature in keeping with the position the Companies occupy. We have followed our usual custom and taken our investments at the market rates ruling at the close of the year.

The position of the Society reflects much credit upon its general manager, agents, and staff who continue to give thoroughly loyal and devoted service at the many centres from which our worldwide business is conducted.

Mr. A. B. Rouse to Retire.

Mr. A. B. Rouse, the Society's London underwriter, retires from his post on June 30 next. Mr. Rouse has served the Society faithfully from December, 1900, in the East and in London. He was in the Far East until February, 1913, when he proceeded home, joining the staff of the London underwriting room. He was appointed underwriter in January, 1920, and in spite of the difficulties encountered during his term of office he has carried out the very onerous duties entrusted to him with much credit. We all join in wishing Mr. Rouse a very happy retirement.

Mr. O. O. Lee.

Mr. O. O. Lee, Mr. Rouse's deputy, who has had wide experience in marine insurance is being promoted to the senior post and early this year he arrived in Hong Kong where he had a conference with the general manager on the future of the Society's underwriting in London. In Mr. Lee we have a careful and efficient officer and not a novice, and I am confident that the business in passing through I feel

confident that Mr. Lee will fill with credit and distinction the post allotted to him. Mr. E. F. Webb has been appointed deputy underwriter to Mr. Lee. Mr. Webb has had considerable experience in the Society's underwriting room and your directors are satisfied in the selection that has been made.

Obituary.

I am sorry to have to record the deaths of certain gentlemen intimately connected with our business. I would first refer to the death of Sir David Yule, Bart., who was for many years a member of the Society's London Committee. The late Sir David Yule took a keen interest in the Society's welfare and was always most helpful to any of the Society's officers who consulted him on finance or other matters. The late Sir David Yule as you are no doubt aware was well-known in the financial world where his opinion was held in high esteem. We record his death with a deep sense of loss.

I have also to record the death of Mr. F. A. Kenting, of Messrs. Gibbs, Bright & Co., who was also a member of the Society's London Committee. The sad news of his death was received here last month with great regret.

I am sure you will all join in an expression of sorrow at the loss the Society sustained last year by the death of Mr. L. F. Townend, our Canton manager. The late Mr. Townend had served the Society faithfully from August, 1910, and by his death the Society loses an active and efficient officer.

THE HON. MR. W. E. L. SHENTON'S SPEECH.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, seconding the Chairman's proposal for the adoption of the report and accounts, said:—We have perused the report and accounts with great interest and are indebted to our Chairman for his clear statement of the Society's business and financial position. We desire to place on record our appreciation of the services rendered by the general manager, the agents and the staff of the Society to whose loyal and devoted support the present satisfactory position of the Society is due.

We regret we are losing the services of Mr. A. B. Rouse who has worked for the Society for such a long period and we hope that his justly earned retirement will be a long and happy one. We extend to Mr. C. O. Lee and Mr. E. F. Webb our hearty welcome on assuming their new offices and are sure that our interests are in safe keeping and capable hands.

We deeply lament the deaths of Sir David Yule, Mr. F. A. Kenting and Mr. L. F. Townend and we desire to convey our sympathies to their respective families. Mr. L. F. Townend will be remembered by most of us, not only as a capable officer of the Society, but also as a personal friend for many years.

"Semi-Public Institutions."

The present unsatisfactory position of the insurance market, as regards rates, is known to many of us, and it is a matter for regret that unprofitable competition should have brought insurance business to its present position. Insurance Companies, holding the position our Society does, must be regarded as semi-public institutions, essential to the conduct of the world's trade, insurance being an essential element in almost every mercantile transaction. It is, therefore, a matter of public interest, that a basis of rates should be arrived at, which will enable insurance business to be conducted on lines satisfactory to all concerned.

Confidence in Directors' Policy.

As shareholders we naturally regret that you have not been able to continue the bonus dividend of 5 shillings per share, but we fully appreciate the principles which have actuated you in arriving at this decision. We are aware that it is a well recognised tradition of insurance institutions to pay dividends only out of the interest derived from accumulated investments and we believe that in following the affairs of the Society on a most stable and conservative basis and one which must commend itself not only to the general investor in your shares, but also the contributors and constituents of the Society. We have not failed to note the hope expressed, that the present dividend can be reckoned on for the future also the possibility that the interest from our investments may enable the shareholders of the Society to receive in due course a large return.

The balance sheet for last year indicates the strong financial position of the Society and we note with pleasure that the investment of our surplus funds, not only have the personal supervision of our general manager, but also the very close consideration of our board.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mr. W. H. Bell were re-elected directors on the proposal of Mr. J. Arnold, seconded by Mr. A. Stevenson. Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Linstead & Davis were re-elected auditors, at a remuneration of £750 per annum each, on the proposal of Mr. V. R. de Remedios, seconded by Mr. M. A. R. Souza.

CORRESPONDENCE.

EMPIRE DAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."

Sir,—Referring to your article in today's issue of the *Daily Press*. It appears to me that there was some very definite purpose in the naming of Empire Day, and making it a public holiday, apart from the fact that it was the birthday of her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

There are many suggestions that might be made, of what might be done, in more than one direction, but perhaps it is not worth while.

We are a very small spot on the map, and we jog along very well. Boy! Bring me a coffee.—Yours faithfully,

WEARY.

Hong Kong, May 24.

TEETOTALER'S DAY OUT.

APPEARANCE IN COURT WITH BANDAGED HEAD.

Charles Southam, aged thirty, a Tooting clerk, who was a teetotaler, went out with friends and woke up in Haverham Police Station.

His head was heavily bandaged when he appeared at Kingston Police Court accused of assaulting Police Constable White. Mrs. Gwendoline Buckley, and Mr. Harold Godwin.

Southam heard in the evidence that Mrs. Buckley had left a train at Oxshott Station, when he went to her and caught hold of her throat and shoulder. She screamed, and Mr. Godwin went to her help. Southam persisted that Mrs. Buckley was his wife, and seized Mr. Godwin by the neck. Police Constable White then came up. Southam slapped his face.

Mr. S. C. T. Littlewood, defending, said that Southam had received news that his brother was dead. He drank whisky with his friends at Victoria Station, and he did not know how he reached Oxshott. He had never been there before.

Southam expressed regret, especially to Mrs. Buckley, a stranger to him. He was fined £3 on each of the three charges.

were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. C. E. Meyer, seconded by Mr. J. Ormiston.

Shareholders Present.

The following shareholders were present:—Messrs. J. Arnold, G. S. Archbutt, A. E. S. Alves, J. W. Alabaster, C. B. Brown, B. M. C. da Cunha, R. A. Dastur, Leigh Garner, W. F. Gardner, Ho Kom Tong, O. B. E., E. A. Lees, M. Manuk, A. S. Mitchell, C. E. Meyer, J. Ormiston, John C. Oswald, V. R. V. Ribeiro, V. L. dos Remedios, R. D. Read, O. F. Ribeiro, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, F. W. Stapleton, D. V. Stevenson, A. Stevenson, V. F. Soares, M. A. R. Souza and K. Stuart Smith.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Chairman of the 60th ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., addressed the meeting as follows:—

The working account for the year 1927 shows a balance of \$478,636.10. Your directors recommend that a final dividend of \$9 per share and a bonus dividend of \$8 per share on 20,000 shares be paid to shareholders, absorbing \$300,000, and that the balance be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the account for the year 1927.

The balance at credit of the 1928 account is \$667,311.34. Out of this balance, your directors recommend the payment of an interim dividend of \$3 per share, absorbing \$60,000, and that the remainder be carried forward.

Satisfactory Position.

Bearing in mind the difficult conditions at present prevailing throughout the underwriting world, the figures now before you may, I think, be considered satisfactory. The working account for 1927 indicates an improvement over the previous year's figures and I am hopeful that the 1928 account will show equally satisfactory results.

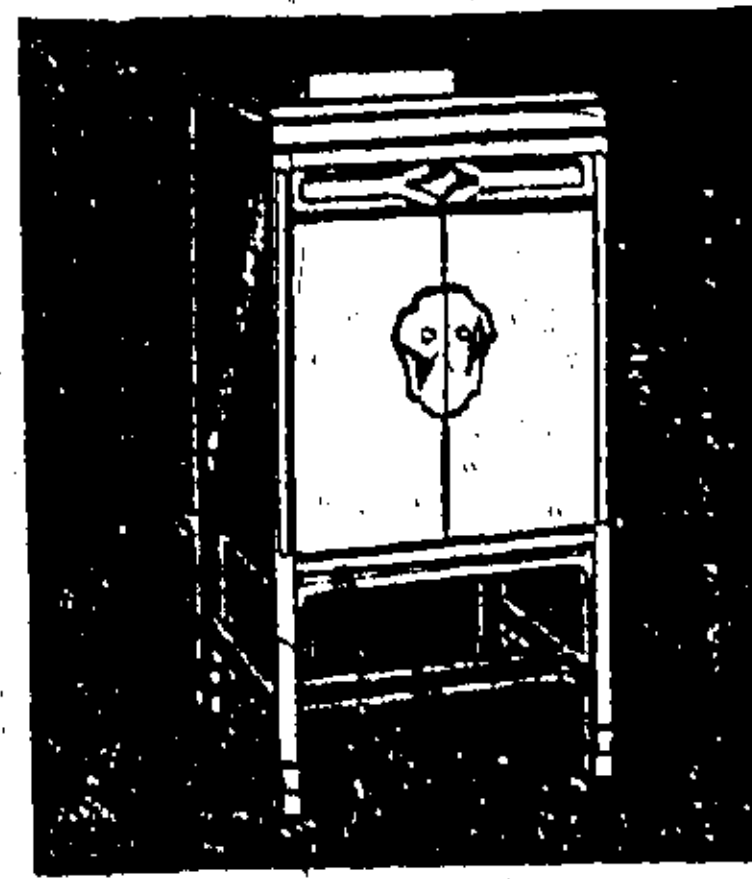
The adoption of the report and accounts was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. J. W. Alabaster.

Other Business.

Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mr. W. H. Bell were re-elected directors on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Alves, seconded by Mr. F. A. Farne. Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Linstead & Davis were re-elected auditors, at a remuneration of \$750 per annum each, on the proposal of Mr. V. R. de Remedios, seconded by Mr. M. A. R. Souza.

Shareholders Present.

Shareholders present were:—Messrs. J. W. Alabaster, A. A. Alves, A. E. S. Alves, G. S. Archbutt, B. M. C. da Cunha, F. H. Farne, H. C. Gray, V. L. dos Remedios, V. R. de Ribeiro, and M. A. R. Souza.



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HONG KONG FINANCES.

TREASURY STATEMENT FOR JANUARY.

The following figures are published in the Government Gazette dated May 23:—

Revenue and Expenditure.
Balance of assets and liabilities on December 31, 1928... \$ 8,091,633.87
Revenue from January 1 to 31, 1929... 2,153,258.04
\$10,244,891.91

Expenditure from January 1 to 31, 1929... 1,040,997.91
Balance... \$ 9,203,894.00

Assets and Liabilities on January 31, 1929.

LIABILITIES.

Deposits not available... \$ 1,351,390.28
House service account... 7,634.51
Postal agencies... 4,283.48
Coal accounts... 7,077.79
Suspense account... 508,909.69
S u s p e n s e a c c o u n t... 688,120.00
Overdraft, trade loan... 3,981,808.28
Adjustment of exchange... 143,022.57

Total liabilities... \$ 6,680,860.58
Balance... 2,523,033.42
Total... \$ 9,203,894.00

ASSETS.

Subsidiary coins... \$ 1,849,195.10
Advances... 65,212.73
Building loans... 1,462,787.83
Imprest... 54,791.54
Crown agents deposit account... 4,061,443.36
Unallocated stores (P.W.D.)... 451,309.29
Unallocated stores (Railway)... 149,812.49
Investment account... 1,251,141.58
Lorry haulage account... 442.28
Balance at bank... 1,241,542.73
Trade loan outstanding... 4,687,345.28
Crown agents current account... 8,665.98

Total... \$15,893,564.56
Cash lent at interest... \$228,000
Cash on deposit... \$242,000

EMPIRE DAY IN HONG KONG.

CATHEDRAL SERVICES AND A NAVY LEAGUE FILM.

A HOLIDAY WITH FEW FORMALITIES.

Hong Kong has never favoured any very formal or elaborate celebration of Empire Day. The heat at this time of the year is too great to allow us to enjoy much ceremonial. The chief events yesterday were the impressive services during the morning at the Anglican and Roman Catholic Cathedrals. Congregations numbering close upon a thousand—mainly of school children, Scouts and Guides—filled both buildings, and eloquent addresses were given emphasising in both cases that the British Empire is founded upon justice, service and fair play and not upon militarism.

In the harbour all warships dressed ship and a graceful compliment to Britain was paid by the Chinese cruiser in port, which followed the example of the British ships in displaying her bunting. Several of the British merchantmen, notably the Douglas Company steamer, Haiching, and one of the sturdy Jardine, Matheson coasters, were decorated in traditional sea fashion. It is a pity, however, that all ships in harbour flying the red ensign, cannot follow suit on these occasions.

The day was kept as a holiday by the Law Courts and Government offices, and by a few business houses. The schools held the usual celebrations in the mornings, and the afternoon was, in most cases, devoted to Hong Kong's favourite summer recreation, launch parties. The weather was worthy of the day and though there were a few clouds there was sunshine most of the time.

The Navy League film "Keep Watch," shown at the Queen's Theatre at 3 p.m., proved an admirable lesson in the nature of Britain's Navy and Merchant Service and their joint work in keeping open the trade routes upon which Britain, the heart of the Empire, is dependent for the necessities of life.

"KEEP WATCH."

NAVY LEAGUE FILM AT QUEEN'S.

The children of the Colony had special opportunities yesterday of understanding what the day meant, and rightly so, since it is to the rising generation that the Empire must look to carry on the tradition of her greatness. By the courtesy of the Hong Kong Amusement, Ltd., the Navy League was enabled to show at the Queen's Theatre, during the second performance, a film "Keep Watch," which was made by the League for educational purposes. The management of the Theatre presented 400 free tickets to the school children.

"Keep Watch" has been made with a purpose and the lesson is emphasised unmistakably in different forms all through the short film. A clear map, which shows the extent of the trade routes of the Empire over which the Navy must keep watch, was shown several times with glimpses of the ports at the end of each route. There were pictures of the different "arms" of the Navy, including battleships, cruisers, submarines and aircraft, and of the men who man them. Pictures again of the Merchant Navy loading and unloading their cargoes at the docks, and of the cattle, sheep, and corn which they carry, in the lands of their origin.

Following a caption pointing out that the Navy is not made in a day, or even in a year, were pictures of the naval dock yards, the laying down and launching of a battleship; of the training of boys for the Senior Service, and of the life of the men in that Service.

Then came a series of picture statistics of the comparative strength of the Navy in 1918 and to-day in manpower, ship, and aeroplane; and of the comparative strength of our Navy and those of U.S.A. and Japan, together with the extent of their overseas possessions. And through the whole picture the constantly recurring warning "Keep Watch!" Keep watch lest the Navy by which the Empire is kept safe be weakened.

AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

GREATNESS—TRUE AND FALSE.

St. John's Cathedral was completely filled yesterday morning for the special service attended by pupils from nearly all the schools in the Colony and a large number of Scouts and Guides. There were special prayers on behalf of the people of the British Empire and those entrusted with the governing power. The hymns were "O God whose mighty works of old," "City of God how broad and fair," and "Land of our birth we pledge to Thee."

The service was taken by the Dean (the Very Rev. A. Swann, M.A., D.S.O.), and the Rev. E. V. Koop, M.A., and the Rev. E. K. Quirk, M.A., preached on the meaning of greatness, dealing first with historical characters to whom that appellation had been given—rightly and wrongly—and then with the British Empire to greatness.

His Lordship Bishop H. Valtorta, D.D., officiated, assisted by the clergy of the Cathedral and the students of the Cathedral Seminary. A stirring address on "Empire Day" was given by the Rev. Fr. A. Parisotti, C.F. The service opened with a selection "24th May" played by the band of the St. Louis Industrial School, followed by "Ave Maria" by the Seminary choir. After the address the Benediction was given by Bishop Valtorta and the Cathedral choir sang "Adoremus." The singing of the National Anthem by the whole congregation was a fitting end to a well planned service.

The Address.

Father Parisotti spoke from the text "Mercy and Truth have met each other: Justice and Peace have kissed" (Psalm 84.11). He opened by reminding his congregation that all authority came from God and it was a part of human nature that men should organise themselves into societies with laws and governments. But there was another instinct in human nature, the desire of every man to do the best for himself. The criminal classes were made up of men and women who cared only for their own good and nothing for the welfare of their neighbours. When these classes got the upper hand society was in danger. The British Empire had a slogan "Fair Play," and it was not possible for any human institution to set itself a nobler ideal. The tolerance of our Empire had been for many decades a standard and example to all the nations of the earth. But in a democratic Empire like ours it rested with the people to desire not only their own good but the peace and welfare of their fellow men, it was necessary that even the crowd should shut its eyes to human frailty when that frailty tended to rouse their anger.

"Mercy and truth must meet," said the preacher, "if justice and peace are to kiss." He ended with a stirring appeal: "As citizens, then, both of the greatest Empire the world has ever seen and citizens also of the Kingdom founded by Christ upon earth it is our bounden duty to cultivate before all else that charity which as the Apostle says, 'Envieth not, is not puffed up, is not ambitious, is not provoked to anger, thinketh no evil, Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth with the truth.'" (1 Cor. 13, 4-6).

THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

ADDRESS ON THE "SPIRIT OF EMPIRE."

At the Diocesan Boys' School and Orphanage the whole school, boarders and day boys, was assembled in the School Hall, and at School Prayers Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones gave an address on the spirit of Empire, which he said was not conquest and force, but the desire for expansion and freedom under law and order.

In all Empires and great countries had been demanded, and demanded to-day, responsibility, duty, sympathy, self-sacrifice and service.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

At St. Joseph's College yesterday morning the scholars, numbering over 800, were addressed by the Right Rev. Monsignor John Bigland, who also distributed the prizes for the Empire Day Essay competition. Brother Aimer, Director of the College, presided over the gathering.

Monsignor Bigland is the private secretary of Archbishop O'Doherty in Manila and is on his way to England on vacation. He has been intimately connected with Empire work as chaplain to His Majesty's forces in various parts of the world, especially during the Great War, and the St. Joseph's boys were favoured in being addressed by one whose actual experience and personal observations inspired the sentiments to which he gave expression.

The prize-winners in the Empire Day Essay Competition were as follows:

Matriculation Class—Profric M. Nolasco da Silva.
Class 2 A—Luis F. Ribeiro.
Class 2 B—Francis Lim.
Class 2 C—Alexander Willem Wong.
The matriculation boys, under the leadership of Captain Y. M. Lezama, won the Football Shield.

BRIGHTER DAYS IN CANTON.

BIG IMPROVEMENT IN FINANCES.

RETURN OF GENERAL CHEN MING SHU.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, May 24. Practically every public organisation sent one or more delegates to welcome General Chen Ming Shu upon his return to-day. After the usual military ceremony and hand shakings at the Government wharf, the welcomers made a parade through the principal thoroughfares of the city in automobiles carrying banners of welcome. Great quantities of fireworks were set off. The return of General Chen Ming Shu to Canton is looked upon in local circles as an auspicious sign. The Central Bank of China notes at once reacted to the brighter outlook by taking a high jump. A few days ago they were quoting as low as 47 cents to the Canton silver dollar, but to-day jumped up to 63 cents. Another indication of the rapid approach to normalcy in financial circles is the continued low rate of exchange of Hong Kong notes for Canton silver, to-day's quotation being only \$1.28, to the Hong Kong dollar. This is lower than it has been for a long time. Because of the low rate of exchange the merchants are again beginning to import foreign goods from Hong Kong.

KWANGSI'S SAD PLIGHT.

The remnants of the invading Kwangsi armies in the district of Si Wu are reported to be preparing to surrender. They are left without food, and are in a dilemma. Kwangsi, their native province, is still a long way off, and Wuchow, the nearest friendly Kwangsi city, is now being besieged by the Hunanese troops under General Fan Shek Shang and Colonel Hsu Hok Cheung. They are said to wish to surrender and be incorporated in the Kwangtung army.

BANDITS ABROAD.

Reports are that bandits near Shui-kwan and Tung Sai Ma Ning on the West River have again become active. They took advantage of the military situation and invaded Tung Sai Ma Ning, disarming the police and soldiers there. The whole city was then ransacked and a large portion was burned to the ground. The bandits numbered more than 800 and were fairly well armed. They eventually left the city, after two days of pillaging.

Shui-kwan is also reported to be in extreme danger of an invasion of organised bandits. Latest reports state that several thousand bandit communists have again left their mountain lairs and are ravaging the district of Yan Fa. They are marching on to Shui-kwan, and unless the Canton Government at once send troops there, the city will fall into the hands of these desperadoes.

KWANGSI FORCES RALLYING?

CANTON COUNCIL OF WAR DECIDES ON A REST.

[Industrial and Commercial Daily Press.]

Following their defeat, the Kwangsi troops in the North River district have retreated westward beyond Szewui and northward to Linkonghou. The number who have escaped hardly exceed three thousand. In the West River district, the Kwangsi troops under Lui Woon Im and Wu Ting Yang sustained considerable losses from bombardments by gunboats and airplanes. Although driven back with heavy casualties they are by no means finished with and are said to be preparing a counter-attack. The Canton troops have been reinforced and a decisive battle is expected in the course of four or five days.

(Continued on next Column.)

FORGED CHEQUE FOR \$1,000.

ATTEMPT TO CASH FAILS.

SOLICITORS' OFFICE BOY ARRESTED.

There was an unusual scene in the office of Messrs. Russ and Company, solicitors, yesterday, when a Chinese employee was taken into custody by the police in connection with a fraudulent attempt made during the forenoon at the Chartered Bank to cash a forged cheque for \$1,000.

It appears that a cheque, purporting to bear the signature of Mr. Yung Pik Chi, interpreter to the firm of solicitors in question, was presented at the counter. After looking up the account and making a careful scrutiny of the signature, the forgery was detected, but the man who had presented the cheque had in the meantime left the Bank, apparently scenting danger when the cheque seemed to be long in coming back for payment.

A European detective officer was called in and, with the Bank clerk who received the cheque, visited the office of Messrs. Russ and Company to make investigations. It is understood that Mr. Yung denied issuing the cheque and repudiated the signature. After a look round the office, Pun Ping Leung, an office boy, was, we understand, pointed out as the person who handed in the cheque at the Bank. He was arrested and taken to the Central Police Station.

Following investigations it was found that the cheque, and the counterfoil, had been extracted from Mr. Yung's cheque book which was kept locked in the drawer of his office desk. The construction of the lock made the theft easy, and it was found that the drawer could be opened without a key by drawing back the spring with a scissors blade, and then relocked.

Three men are suspected of being involved in the fraud, and two of them are alleged to be office employees in the firm, including the arrested man. The second office boy appears to have been discharged recently, but the police were able to trace him later in the day and he was also taken into custody.

It is thought that when the cheque was presented by the man his other confederates were also on the scene, but that they all managed to get away when the forgery was discovered.

The forgery was not, we understand, a good one.

GENERAL CHEN MING SHU RETURNS.

(Wah Tai Tat Pao.)

General Chen Ming Shu, Chairman of the Provincial Government of Kwangtung, returned to Canton from Hong Kong by the gunboat Hoi Fu yesterday (Friday) morning. In company with the General were Fan Ki Mo, the Canton Financial Commissioner, Yu Chok Pak, a prominent Nanking official, and others.

Madame Chen and Sun Hai Wen, General Chen's secretary, also left Hong Kong by the evening boat.

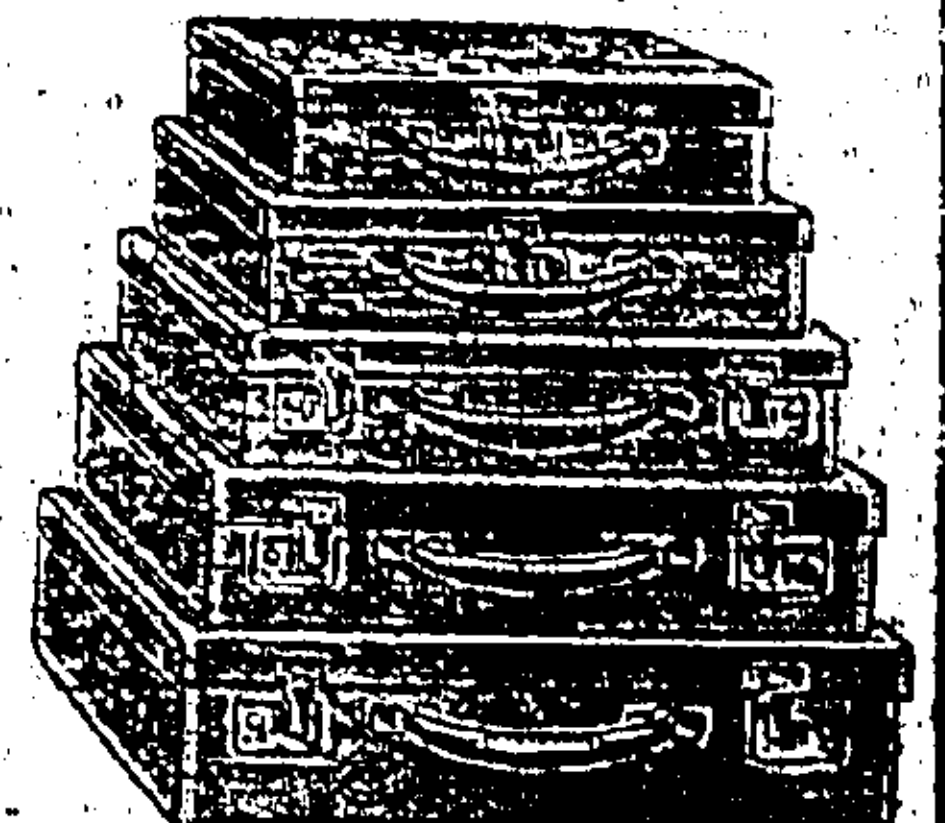
According to Canton Military Headquarters, over six thousand Kwangsi troops were either killed or taken prisoner during the fighting on the 21st and 22nd. Another report says that the Kwangsi forces are rallying at Szewui, in a very strong position and that the Canton troops are making no attempt to pursue them. Thus fighting has stopped for the moment and both sides are "taking a rest." A number of senior officers have returned to Canton for a conference with General Chen Tsi Tong on the position. Several generals urged that a vigorous offensive must be followed up while others were of the opinion that the soldiers, after the severe fighting of the past fortnight, should be allowed a rest and that more troops must be recruited. The final decision was that before another attack can be launched there must be a period of rest and recuperation. Thus the old maxim "count your chickens before they are hatched" is more vindicated.

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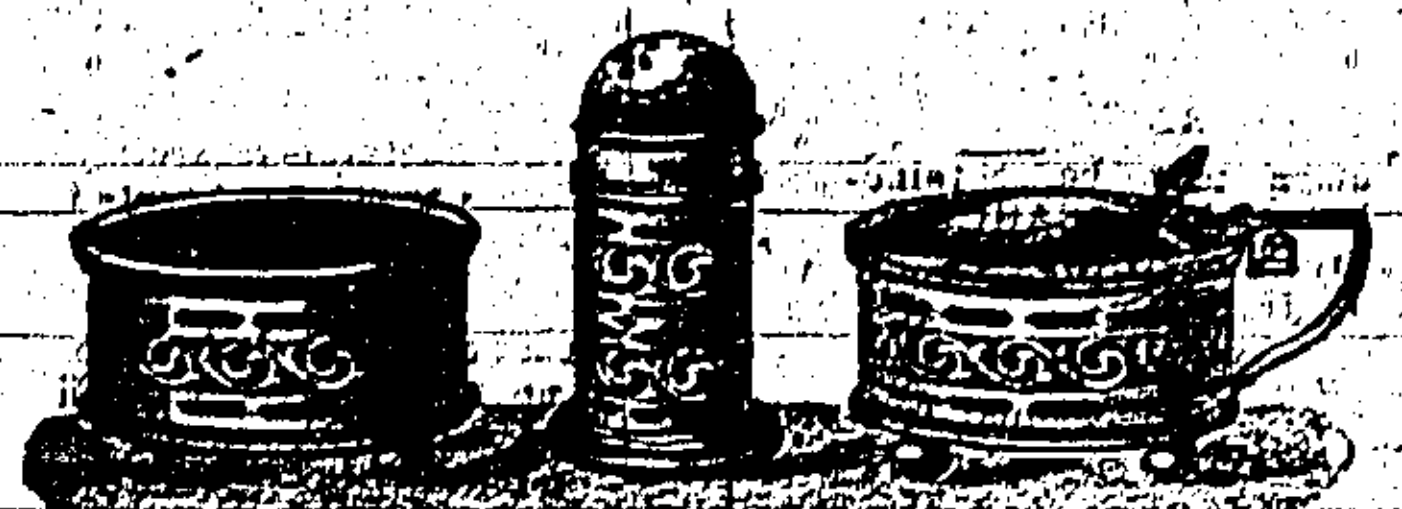
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 29th MAY, 1929, to 3rd JUNE, 1929, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. W. BROWN,
Secretary.
[7838]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of the General Managers, Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., PRINCE STREET, HONG KONG, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th JUNE, 1929, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th JUNE to 3rd JULY, 1929, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers
Hong Kong, 24th May, 1929. [7839]

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SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office at CHINA BUILDING, 1st FLOOR, HONG KONG, on WEDNESDAY, the 5th JUNE, 1929, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Account for the Year ending 24th FEBRUARY, 1929, and of electing additional Directors, if thought fit, and also of electing an Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd MAY to 5th JUNE, 1929, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
HENRY LOWCOCK,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 21st May, 1929. [7839]

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MEMBERS are Requested to send in their Applications for the above before FRIDAY, 31st MAY, as it is proposed to CLOSE the LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS on That Date.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 23rd May, 1929. [7834]

PUBLIC NOTICE.

PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE is desirous of obtaining the views of as many interested persons and associations as possible, and those who have any suggestions or representations to make regarding the present and future provision of playing fields in the Colony are invited to forward them early to Mr. T. MCGARRY, Secretary to the Committee, at the Colonial Secretariat.

Anyone wishing to support his written representations by oral evidence before the Committee is requested to inform the Secretary accordingly.

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(Sd.) C. MCL. MESSER,
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21st May, 1929. [7816]

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G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 27th DAY of MAY, 1929, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Prince Edward Road, Kowloon City, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July 1888, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of the Lands and Works, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	140-241	New Kowloon Island	Prince Edward Road, Kowloon City (opposite New Market)	As per sale plan	11,000	50
						22,100

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 27th DAY of MAY, 1929, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Boundary Street, Merg Kok Tsim, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of the Lands and Works, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	140-241	New Kowloon Island	Boundary Street, Merg Kok Tsim, Kowloon City	As per sale plan	3,960	42
						5,394

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.10 p.m., stated:—

The depression is now central to the south of Hokkaido, moving north-eastward.

The depression over Tongking has deepened.

A depression or typhoon appears to have formed in about Lat. 12 deg. N., Long. 128 deg. E.

Local Forecast:—S.E. or variable winds, moderate, cloudy, occasional rain.

Manila Typhoon Warnings.

The following typhoon warning was received from the Manila Observatory at noon yesterday:—10.30 a.m.—Typhoon is about 123 deg. Long. E. and 12 deg. Lat. N., direction unknown.

A Manila message dated May 24 at 6 p.m. reports a typhoon in about 126 deg. Long. E. and 11 deg. Lat. N., moving W.

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HONG KONG, MAY 25, 1929.

MUTUAL EXTERMINATION.

TAKING phrases at their face value—which is not always wise in China—there is no longer any doubt about the relations existing between CHIANG KAI SHEK and FENG YU HSIAO.

The latter announces to the world that he is out to exterminate the former, and denounces the Nanking Government as "illegal." From the capital it is simultaneously announced that FENG is expelled from the Kuomintang "for life," and that a punitive mandate against him will be issued very shortly.

The reason for delay in making this declaration is characteristic—the solemn ceremonies attending the formal interment of SUN YAT SEN must not be marred by the discordant noises of domestic strife.

If CHIANG and FENG are really bent upon each other's extermination, there will be very serious trouble in China until the coming of winter compels a truce to fighting.

But it does not necessarily follow that because these two rivals are now engaged in bitterly denouncing each other that the whole country is again to be involved in civil war.

There have been threats of extermination before this, and threatened men live long in China as elsewhere. Yet it must be admitted that the prospects of avoiding a serious clash are now very remote, and once issue is joined there is no knowing what other reactions may arise.

And meanwhile there will be solemn orations made throughout the country based upon SUN YAT SEN's "heartfelt charge" to his countrymen four years ago to strive for national unity.

Much is being said and written about the uselessness of the present civil war in China, and the selfishness of the war lords who are waging it. One thing is certain. No one outside the inner circle of protagonists knows the rights and the wrongs of the struggle and the motives of the men, once allies, who are now aligned against each other.

It may be that little more lies behind the conflict than the personal ambitions and greed for gain of some score of politicians and soldiers of fortune. On the other hand, whatever may be the aims of the protagonists—and having the common fallings of humanity we may be sure there is the usual clash of the patriotic and the selfish, the grandiose and the petty—they are staging a drama of the greatest possible consequence to the future of the human race.

CHIANG KAI SHEK and the Nationalist Government maintain that the unity of the Republic is at stake, that the Kwangsi militarists and now FENG YU HSIAO, the "Christian General," represent a policy of disintegration which will result in Chinese political impotence by splitting it up like Europe into a number of warring States or even in a system of foreign protectorates and "spheres of influence."

A similar issue was raised seventy years ago in North America and, after the greatest war in history (except the 1914-18 struggle) the United States decided to continue as one and not two or more nations.

The United States of that time comprised for practical purposes the Atlantic coast States, and the population was less than a third its present figure. We realise now the influence of that war upon the history of the world during the last twenty years, when the expansion and strength of the now firmly United States have become a dominating factor in world politics and economics.

CHIANG KAI SHEK is struggling with a similar problem, but with a population not of President LINCOLN's 30 millions, mainly of British extraction, but of 400 millions, spread over an area as large as Europe, and inhabited by races as diverse as those of Europe in speech, physique, temperament, sympathies, and economic interests.

A glance at European history shows, again, the magnitude and significance of these wars in China. For four centuries a civilised and well-policed Europe was governed from Rome. Four centuries is a long time. Looking back it takes us to the days of HENRY VIII., when the great Hapsburg Emperor, CHARLES V., was attempting another unification of Europe by means of war and Royal marriages. He had actually succeeded in bringing under his rule, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Austria, the Netherlands, the South of Italy and the whole of North and South America. He was foiled partly by the opposition of France and England, and still more by the hopeless disunion in Europe which followed the Reformation.

But it is not altogether idle speculation to consider for a moment what might have happened if the Holy Roman Emperor of four hundred years ago had built up a permanent confederacy of European States, as stable as the Celestial Empire of CHIN SHIH HUANG. It is easy to consider the wars that might have been avoided, the wealth and energy devoted to fighting that would have gone to the building-up of a progressive and prosperous civilisation, to scientific discovery, and the control and development of natural resources. On the other hand, it can be argued that Europe under a central government would have fallen into the inert stagnation of the East and of the latter years of the Roman Empire. It is sufficient to say that had the attempts at unifying Europe made by CHARLEMAGNE, the early PLANTAGENETS of England, the HAPSBURGs and NAPOLEON been brought to success, history would have been vastly different. The issue is now raised on a tremendous scale in China. China may split into a number of independent States, constantly at war—like European nations—learning rapidly the art and science of modern fighting and perpetuating militaryism the world over. United, this country will take its place in the world among the Great Powers, and then the problem of Chinese over-population and emigration will have to be faced on an equality due to economic, and not improbably military power commensurate with the size and population of China.

The following appointments in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps have been made by H.E. the Governor:—Lance Sergeant David Morgan Richards to be Second Lieutenant; Lance Sergeant James Francis Wright to be Second Lieutenant.

There was a large attendance at the Theatre Royal last night for the Banvard Comedy Company's performance "A Cuckoo in the Nest." It is a thoroughly jolly farce, full of witty repartee and amusing situations, and it went as well, despite the heat, as it did a few weeks ago at the Star Theatre.

The Prince of Wales to-day will head a march of 7,000 mounted and foot police from Hyde Park to Buckingham Palace, where he will take the salute, when the centenary parade of the Metropolitan Police will be held. The parade will first be inspected by the Prince in the Park. Special constables will line the route of the procession.

On the eve of her departure last month for England to deliver a series of lectures Mrs. Annie Besant addressed a meeting in Bombay. She described the Nehru Report as India's last friendly gesture to Britain, and stressed the necessity of persuading the Government that unless it adopted the report administration would become increasingly difficult. In Britain she intended to try to make India's freedom an election question, and hoped to persuade the Labour Party to take up India's cause and give India the freedom they promised.

The Rev. Stewart Bernays, Rector of Finchley, London, made the following comment in the church magazine after several young ladies had powdered their noses during evening on Sunday:—"I suffered myself at a theatre a few months ago by a girl combing her hair in between the scenes over my dress clothes. I was tempted in my Mid-Victorian wrath to take my shoving things with me next time, and see how a good shave would interest the audience. But when it comes to performing one's toilet in church we seem to have reached the limit of bad manners. I purposely leave out the question of irreverence, but even the most chaste nose might be left in its element till our worship of God is over."

The U.S. Secretary of Labour, Mr. James J. Davis, has instructed officials of the Department of Labour to admit to the United States an Irish immigrant girl who was reported to have been passed in, in saluting the Statue of Liberty upon her arrival at New York. Mr. Davis ordered that the girl, Mary Callaghan, of Queens-town, Ireland, should be admitted temporarily without a passport if the Department officials found the report authentic. The Secretary learned of the immigrant's plight from a newspaper story. The girl's passport and a small sum of money were said to have fallen into the water when she waved to the Statue from the deck of the Baltic.

Colour Television. The experimental transmission of television by the British Broadcasting Company is expected to begin in July. At present much interesting work is being done at the television headquarters to improve the transmission of actual scenes as distinct from single persons and objects. The recent development in this direction was emphasised recently by the Postmaster General, Mr. Baird and his colleagues, have been concentrating upon experiments with scenes for months past, and much progress has been made within the past few weeks. Complete stage settings are being transmitted on large screens, and a remarkable development—colour transmission is also being achieved. Much more has still to be done, but already the possibility of large-scale production and colour television is being realised.

On page 10 to-day will be found an interesting article on swimming by Mr. J. R. Johnston. Latest betting on the Derby is on page 7, and an account of the Cup Final at Wembley, will be found on page 8.

vision are significant in possibilities. A time may come when the cinema audience will sit in a theatre and see not films but the progress of real events happening simultaneously long distances away. One invention is always at the mercy of a newer one, and just as the old cinema photographers are becoming outmoded by talkies, so conceivably television may, in the future, be superseded by the staff at the Baird studio are turning themselves into amateur entertainers in the cause of providing raw material for the experiments. Boxing scenes are transmitted with the help of zealous experts who take and receive black eyes, and to obtain pictures of people cycling self-sacrificing workers sometimes volunteer to go round the studio until they fall off from dizziness. Recently a horse was coaxed half-way up the stairs to be photographed, but on seeing the machinery it turned round and fled.

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News and Views.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd. will hold its 7th ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders at Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, on Saturday, June 8th at 12 noon.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General, is to act as Attorney-General during the absence from the Colony of the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., on a short holiday.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognise, provisionally and pending instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Don Jose de Adema as Consul for Spain in Hong Kong.

The 4th ordinary general meeting of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. will be held at the offices of the general managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, on Wednesday, June 19, at noon.

Mr. W. Albert Mallinson, the visiting examiner for Trinity College of Music (London) has just arrived from London by the Rajputana. He is a well-known English song-writer, and has composed about 400 songs of which 200 are published.

It is announced that H.E. the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Norman Lockhart Smith to be Head of the Sanitary Department and Registrar of Births and Deaths in addition to his other duties during the absence on leave of Mr. William James Carrie, with effect from May 23.

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In the Review of Reviews Mr. Wickham Steed writes of "The Coming Election." He puts the Conservative loss of seats, in the most favourable event, at 100; "it would be surprising were they not to lose more." Mr. Lloyd George's pledge on unemployment has been received, he thinks, such a way as to indicate that the country is tired of inaction; neither denision nor expostulation has robbed it of its glamour. But unemployment may not be the chief issue; if Mr. Baldwin or Mr. MacDonald were to put before the electorate the true requirements of international peace, "millions" of electors would reply to such a summons to their idealism. In his editorial notes Mr. Steed holds the heaviest count against the Government to be its suffering the moral leadership of the world to pass to the United States.

Antiseptic Artificial Silk. The report of the production of a new antiseptic art silk by the Benberg Company, as announced by the Boersen Courier, has attracted considerable attention in textile circles in Germany. It appears that a special sales department is to be established for the surgical product, and that a big effort will be made to develop its export. The "Aerob" and "Anserob" art silks, as they are termed, have already been tested in a number of hospitals, the threads being used in the sewing of wounds. It is asserted that this art silk has proved completely sterile under conditions in which other textiles more or less favoured the breeding of bacteria. Further surgical tests are now being carried out.

Cranwell Air College. For the last nine years the collection of war-time huts and other miscellaneous building which house the Royal Air Force Cadet College at Cranwell, in Lincolnshire, have been a constant wonder to visitors. Especially when they are compared with the college buildings at Sandhurst, Woolwich, and Dartmouth they appear as an extreme example of official post-war parsimony. The only plausible excuse for housing the future officers of the Royal Air Force in such buildings is that at very few service aerodromes will they find any better accommodation. At last, however, it has been decided to erect proper college buildings at Cranwell at a cost of about £300,000, of which £25,000 is being included in this year's votes. The new college will be situated just to the north of the present "camp," as it is justly called. The foundation stone of the new buildings will be laid on the 26th inst. by Lady Maud Hoare, wife of the Air Minister. Perhaps the present moment is inopportune for remarking that the R.A.F. Staff College at Andover is also inadequately housed, but that fact will also have to be faced before very long.

Prima Donna to Farmer. Miss Marion Talley, a coloratura soprano who made her debut at the Metropolitan Opera House at the age of 19, only four years ago, has already voluntarily ended her career. From a financial standpoint she has been strikingly successful. The house was always full whenever she sang, and in two seasons alone her net earnings were \$334,000. Now she declares that she is free to do what she always wished, to buy and manage a farm in the Middle West. Miss Talley's debut was a Press agent's triumph. Born in Nevada, Missouri, she had been taken by her parents to Kansas City when she was an infant, and there in her teens she achieved such a reputation as a choir singer that the townfolk held "monster benefit" to finance her further musical education. At the age of 15 she came to New York and won much praise, but was advised to study further. When 19 years old she secured an engagement with the Metropolitan Opera Company. The story of "Cinderella," as she was called, was spread over the front pages of the newspapers throughout the United States, and there was not even a standing room in the Opera House for her first performance there.

Ban on Woman's Litigation. Notice is given in the London Gazette of an order made by the High Court prohibiting a person from instituting legal proceedings without leave of the Court. Recently the King's Bench Division granted the order under section 51 of the Judicature Consolidation Act (1925) against Mrs. Isabella Catherine Elizabeth Hutchinson, whose address was given as Fulham Road, South Kensington. The notice adds:—"It is ordered that no legal proceedings shall be instituted by the said Isabella Catherine Elizabeth Hutchinson in the High Court or in any other court unless she obtain the leave of the High Court or of some judge thereof, and satisfies the Court or judge that such legal proceedings are not an abuse of the process of the Court, and that there is a prima facie ground for such proceedings." When the application was before the court the Attorney-General stated that Mrs. Hutchinson was formerly a tenant of a Yorkshire farm owned by Lord Savile. She had been given notice to quit, and had been compensated for work on the soil. Since then she had brought several actions in respect of the holding, some of them against Lord Savile, and all had been dismissed.

**NANKING ISSUES
MANDATE.****MANY CHARGES AGAINST
FENG YU HSIANG.****RUSSIAN INTRIGUES
ALLEGED.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

NANKING, May 24. The National Government has issued an official mandate denouncing Feng Yu Hsiang as a rebel against the Kuomintang and the Government.

It declares the charges against Feng are so numerous they can no longer be listed. Therefore Feng is dismissed from all posts. It adds that officials throughout the country should make an effort to apprehend Feng, so that he may be punished, and the prestige of the Government upheld.

The above mandate takes the place of the punitive mandate the Government had been expected to issue.

Feng and the Soviet.

The Government received a telegram this afternoon from Ho Ying Ching, and 67 other divisional commanders, including Liu Chi and Chang Fat Fui, denouncing Feng as a rebel, and stating they are awaiting orders to advance against the Kuomintang.

Charges named by the Central Kuomintang against Feng include an allegation that he accepts monthly 5,000,000 roubles and arms from Russia, and has signed a secret treaty with the Soviet.

FENG'S WITHDRAWAL.**STRONG DEFENCE
WORKS.****(Fah Tai Yat Pao.)**

SHANGHAI, May 24. It is learned from the railway authorities that Feng Yu Hsiang's troops under Sun Liang Cheng have retreated to Kaifeng in Honan from Kweichow. Those on the south of the Peking-Hankow Railway retreated to Haucheng and those at Changtze to Chengchow.

According to a telegram from General Huan Yuan Wu, Sun Liang Cheng's cavalry retreated to Lan-feng with military supplies. They destroyed the bridge at Yeh-chiang before they retreated.

Strong military works have been erected by Feng's troops between Nanyang and Loyang. Feng himself stays at Chengchow directing military operations.

He has abandoned his intention to evacuate Kaifeng.

A Kuomintang Defeat.

Wan Chi Chow, the Commander of the "People's Militia" of Honan, has telegraphed that his men captured Loyang in Honan on May 22, and Feng Yu Hsiang's troops under Shih King Ting retreated.

**FOREIGN MINISTERS FOR
NANKING.****(Fah Tai Yat Pao.)**

SHANGHAI, May 24. It has been decided by Legation circles not to attend the memorial service of Dr. Sun Yat Sen held at Peking but to proceed to Nanking personally to attend the funeral. The Dutch Minister will read their eulogy.

The Foreign Minister, Dr. C. T. Wang, said in the course of an interview that the various foreign representatives will arrive at Nanking on May 30 to attend the funeral ceremony of Dr. Sun Yat Sen and will call upon Chiang Kai Shek on May 31.

Credentials will be presented by the German and Italian Ministers during their interviews. Mr. Yoshizawa may also present the Japanese credentials.

CHINA AND JAPAN.**[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

Tokyo, May 24. It is learned that the Naval Landing party which has been maintained at Hankow since the 1927 incident will be withdrawn on May 31, as the situation is now regarded as stabilized.

Mr. Yoshizawa has left for Nanking, and the Chinese Minister Wang Jung Pao is travelling in the same train for the purpose of attending the ceremony of the removal of Sun Yat Sen's remains.

Mr. Yoshizawa is carrying a silver wreath as a gift from the Japanese Government to Sun Yat Sen's Memorial.

A VOLUNTEER.**(Nam Chung Pao.)**

General Li Lich Chun, who is now in retirement, recently wired to Chiang Kai Shek that though his health is poor, he would like to serve the Party and Nation if his services are required. Chiang, in reply, asked him to come to Nanking immediately.

**STORM DAMAGE
IN TOKYO.****TORRENTIAL RAINS.****THOUSANDS OF HOUSES
INUNDATED.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

Tokyo, May 24. Twelve people are known to be dead, and damage to property and crops estimated at ¥5,000,000 is the result of torrential rain which swept over Fukushima prefecture yesterday.

The damage includes the inundation of 5,000 houses, the destruction of 38 bridges, and damage to the railway at several points, while seventeen fishing smacks are reported missing.

**TRADE MISSION TO
S. AMERICA.****BRITISH RESEARCH WORK.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

LONDON, May 23. The Board of Trade announces that the Government will appoint a mission to visit Argentina and Brazil.

Viscount D'Abernon, who was Ambassador to Germany from 1920 to 1926, has consented to preside over the mission.

The other members will be Sir William Olave (of the Textile Industries), Mr. G. Rowland (representing industries), and Mr. Julian Piggott (representing iron and steel industries).

The mission will undertake a preliminary survey in this country of Brito-Argentine and Brito-Brazilian trading quotations, and for this purpose will seek the co-operation of chambers of commerce, trade associations, and other bodies as well as industrial firms who are interested in Argentina and Brazil.

Prince's Visit Recalled. LONDON, May 23. The economic mission to Argentina and Brazil recalls the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to South America four years ago, after which the Prince called attention to the possibilities for the extension of British trade.

It is pointed out that many hundred millions of British capital is invested in Argentina.

THE "KOBENHAVN."**MYSTERY OF A MISSING
SHIP.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

LONDON, May 23. Hope has not been abandoned of news being received of the Kobenhavn which left Buenos Aires on December 14 for Adelaide.

The Kobenhavn was in touch by wireless with the Norwegian ship William Pomer on December 21 but no further reports have been received.

It is requested that any wireless station which may hear signals from the Kobenhavn will send full details to the Actiselskab Ostasiatisk Compagnie.

The Kobenhavn call sign until January 1 was OZBA and since Oytz.

**THE LITHUANIAN
ASSASSIN.****YOUNG TERRORIST SHOT.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

Kovno, May 23. A young Terrorist, a student named Vovylus has been sentenced to death at Kovno, Lithuania, by a court-martial in connection with an attempt on the life of Professor Waldemar Vovylus confessed and denounced another student named Gudelis who, he alleges, was the ringleader in the plot.

Kovno, May 24. Vovylus was shot at dawn. An appeal for reprieve to Premier Waldemar was rejected.

EX-KING AMANULLAH.**[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

SIMLA, May 24. Ex-King Amanullah and party have left for Bombay, en route to Europe.

The Government of India have placed a special train at Amanullah's disposal for the journey from the frontier to Bombay.

**INDIAN LABOUR
CONDITIONS.****COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY
APPOINTED.****ONE LADY MEMBER.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

LONDON, May 23. The Viceroy of India on January 23, at the opening of the Legislative Assembly, said that H.M. the King had approved of the establishment of a Royal Commission under Mr. Whitley to enquire into the condition of labour.

His Majesty has now approved that commission which is constituted with the following terms of reference: "To enquire into and report on existing conditions of labour in industrial undertakings and plantations in British India, on health, efficiency, and standard of living of workers, and to make recommendations."

Mr. Whitley, Chairman, is the ex-Speaker of the House of Commons. Other eleven members include Sir Alexander Murray, long associated with Indian jute mills and mines, and at one time representative of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce in the Legislative Council; the Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri, P.C., President of the Servants of India Society, Sir Victor Sassoon, Sir Ibrahim Rahimtoola, one time member of the Executive Council of the Governor Bombay; and one woman, Miss Beryl Power, of the Ministry of Labour.

ROYAL EXHIBITION.**OPENED BY THE QUEEN.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

LONDON, May 23. H.M. the Queen figured in a brief ceremony when she opened the Royal Exhibition at Olympia to-day.

In the Great Hall the crowd stood motionless when the bands peeled out of the National Anthem. Then they burst into loud and long cheering. Three Guards of Honour, supplied by the Navy, Army and Royal Air Force, occupied the whole arena.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales wore the uniform of the Welch Guards.

OIL ECONOMIES.**FURTHER CONFERENCES.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

WASHINGTON, May 23. Representatives of the Federal Oil Conservation Board and the American Petroleum Institute met informally to discuss the possibility of solving the problem of waste and overproduction by means of an inter-State agreement limiting drilling.

The Secretaries of the Navy, War and Commerce and the President of the Petroleum Institute attended the meeting, which is presumably a prelude to the conference to be held on June 6.

EXECUTIONS IN RUSSIA.**"PLOTING AGAINST THE
REVOLUTION."****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

Moscow, May 23. It is officially announced that as the result of "counter-revolutionary activities in the railway transport, gold, and platinum industries," von Meck and Velichko, who were both formerly high officials in the Commissariat of Communications, and Palchinsky, an ex-Professor, have been executed.

Others implicated have been sentenced to various terms of imprisonment.

NEW YORK STOCKS.**A REVIVAL.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

NEW YORK, May 23. The Stock Market has rallied strongly after yesterday's decline. New York Centrals went up four points. Allied Chemicals three points, and United States Steel, American and International Nickels are also buoyant.

**TARIFF QUESTION
IN AMERICA.****CHANGES MADE IN
THE BILL.****INCREASES IN DUTIES.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

WASHINGTON, May 24. The House of Representatives will vote on Tuesday on the Tariff Revision Bill and afterwards go into recess for two months, while the Senate deals with the Bill.

The Representatives have made numerous changes, such as increasing the duties on dairy produce, and removing hides and leather from the free list.

The boot and shoe industry is expected to benefit from an ad valorem duty of twenty per cent.

**NO MORE MARSHALS
IN FRANCE.****CABINET DECISION.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

PARIS, May 23. The Cabinet has decided that there will be no further promotions to the rank of Marshal of France, thus confirming the previous decision of the Government to allow the title to disappear by extinction.

THE DERBY.**LATEST BETTING PRICES.****HUNTER'S MOON
FAVoured.**

The latest Derby prices received in Hong Kong yesterday from England reveals a strong demand for Lord Derby's Hunter's Moon. The horse is now joint favourite with Mr. Jinks, both of them standing at 13-2. At this price bets are taken and offered.

Others prices given on the cable are as follows:—

Kopi, 8 to 1 taken and offered.
Cragadour, 8 to 1 taken and offered.
Gay Day, 100 to 8 taken and offered.
Reedmouth, 18 to 1 taken and offered.
Walter Day, Reflector, En Garde 21 to 1.
Rattler the Reeler, 28 to 1.
Tom Peartree, 28 to 1.

It is felt that in view of the honour attending to it in its association with the great soldiers of the War its conferment in peace time would be derogatory to the high distinction it carries.

Only four of the seven War Marshals are now living, namely, Joffre, Petain, Franchet Desperay, and Lyautey.

**PREPARING FOR THE
POLLS.****RIVALRY AMONG VARIOUS
CENTRES.**

LONDON.—Election returns are expected to be slower this time than they have been at previous general elections owing to the increased size of the electorate. Enthusiastic clubmen who customarily gather round the tape machines will have to wait a long time if they want to know how things are going before they go to bed.

The chief reason for the slowness this year in the five million additional "flapper" voters who have been added to the register. The natural increase in population is another contributing factor and altogether the number of names on the register is about a fourth again as large as in 1924.

LONDON Always Slow. The larger towns expect to increase their staffs and their voting accommodations to take care of the rush, but this is often difficult in small country districts. A rivalry exists between many of the provincial centres to see which shall be first with the results.

If Manchester beats Liverpool at one election, Merseyside folk will strain every nerve to come in ahead of Manchester at the next. Leeds and Bradford are another pair of ancient rivals in this respect.

One of the fastest towns in Scotland whose three results are almost always among the first to be announced. London, however, is usually rather slow in counting.

**MR. CHURCHILL'S
APPEAL.****BENEFITS OF McKENNA
DUTIES.****A FIGHTING SPEECH.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LONDON, May 23. A plea to Conservatives, Constitutionalists, and patriotic Liberals "to arouse themselves to defend the national welfare against the Socialist threat to commander works" was made by Mr. Winston Churchill, speaking at Woodford, Essex.

He said that under the McKenna duties the public were getting cheaper motor cars every year. Unemployment at Coventry was practically non-existent. Then the Socialist Party, with the Liberals yeeping at their tail, came on the scene and declared that they would sweep away the McKenna duties. This was only a sample of the general disturbances of the trade revival and employment which would follow the return of the Socialists to power with Liberal connivance.

The Emergency Powers Act was intended for real emergencies like the Great War and the General Strike. "If the Socialist Government could make use of the Emergency Powers Act to take over any works or close down any newspaper on the pretext that a national emergency had arisen, no man's business would be safe. I do not believe that they have the power, but their meaning is plain."

The Liberal Programme. A statement of the Liberal policy has been prepared under the direction of the Liberal leaders and released for publication.

It declares that the primary object of the Liberal foreign policy is to abolish war as a method of settling international disputes, and says that war, past or future, takes thirteen shillings out of every pound of national taxation—money which if war was ended, would be expended in national development and other public services.

North of Ireland. There is little change in the elections in North Ireland.

The final returns, excluding four seats for Queen's University, are: Unionists 34
Independents 2
Socialists 1
Nationalists 11

The Government gained two seats from the Socialists in the Belfast divisions and, counting as virtually certain four Conservative for Queen's University, there will be an increased majority of four compared with the last Parliament.

SPANISH RISING SEQUEL.**SEVERE PENALTIES ASKED.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

MADRID, May 24. At the Court Martial at Ciudad Real of 33 officers and three civilians in connection with the insurrection at the end of January, the Public Prosecutor demanded sentence of death in eight cases and penal servitude for life for the remainder.

TERRIFYING FALL.**PARACHUTIST'S PERIL.**

There was a thrilling parachute descent at the Penrith Speedway meeting when Mr. Bruce Shipway, an Aero Club pilot and racing motor cyclist, leapt from an aeroplane at a great height, and fell about 2,000 feet before he was able to make the parachute open.

The aeroplane, which was piloted by Captain Pentland, ascended, fortunately, to a considerably greater height than was originally intended, and it was not until it had reached 3,400 feet above sea level that Mr. Shipway jumped off one of the wings.

Hurled at Tremendous Speed. Anxiety was caused to the large crowd present by the parachute falling to open, while Mr. Shipway was observed to hurtle at tremendous speed through the air, rolling over and over.

It appears that when he attempted to work the release appliance of the parachute, it failed and broke off. He then had to reach behind him and unfasten the parachute himself. Before he succeeded, it is calculated, he fell about 3,000 feet, but as soon as the safety device opened, his speed was checked, and he descended safely, reaching the ground at the bed of a creek between two clumps of trees. A herd of cattle grazing in the vicinity stampeded as he came to earth.

**MEXICAN COLLEGE
RIOTS.****STUDENTS KILLED AND
INJURED.****AXES AND PISTOLS!****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

MEXICO CITY, May 24. One student was killed and 32 injured, in a riot resulting from a strike of pupils at the National University Law School, as a protest against monthly examinations.

Medical College students joined in the battle against the authorities. Firemen turned on hoses, and police used axes and pistols.

**EPIDEMIC OF INFANTILE
PARALYSIS.****LACK OF SERUM.**

Medical authorities in Sydney view with concern the lack of supplies of serum to combat the epidemic of infantile paralysis.

The most promising treatment, they consider, is the injection of a serum made from the blood of those who have suffered from the disease. The pathological laboratory of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital is fully equipped to manufacture this, but though former sufferers have been communicated with, so far there has not been one offer of blood for the purpose.

Blood Needed. "The lack of response is hard to understand," said the Medical Superintendent (Dr. W. A. Ebe) recently. "When an ordinary transfusion is to be made there is never any lack of persons willing to offer their blood. It may be that people who would otherwise come forward are a little afraid of the process, but they have the assurance of one of our leading pathologists that they will not feel the slightest ill effects. Everything is ready at the hospital, and all we need now is a supply of blood to go ahead with the manufacture of serum."

Payment for Blood. Dr. Bye explained that the convalescent serum treatment had been adopted with success in the United States and in Melbourne. Blood was taken from a patient who had suffered from the disease not more than three years before, and the serum from this injected into the new patient as soon as they became affected, might check the disease and prevent some of its most serious results. To encourage former patients to offer their blood, the Government had guaranteed to pay any expenses they incurred, and, if necessary, the hospital authorities would pay for the blood itself.

To emphasise the urgency of the position, Dr. Bye pointed out that the Board of Health had received on an average two notifications a day of new cases in the metropolitan area. Ten were housed in the isolation ward at the hospital and several had to be turned away.

HOUSES IN THE AIR!
NEW GERMAN TRAFFIC
SCHEME.

Stuttgart.—A revolutionary method of solving the traffic problem of large cities has just been devised by Rasch Bros., architects in this city.

Their project would provide for the building of large, cylindrical-shaped houses, hung up on huge steel masts. The basement of the edifices would be a few meters above the ground, only the steel mast-like substructure would reach down into the soil.

Thus, they explain, the entire area which is now being occupied by the foundations of a city's houses could be utilised for traffic.

Fantastic Aspect. If one were to credit their arguments, this arrangement would not only amply satisfy the needs of modern traffic but even leave plenty of space for gardens and parks, for the embellishment of the "town of the future."

Schematic drawings of such a town have a fantastic aspect. They show an endless number of cylinders, whose various stories are interconnected by "elevated" streets so as to facilitate visits to other nearby "hanging houses," without putting the visitor to the necessity of descending to the ground and then ascending again to make a call across the street.

The ideal type of houses, according to the architects, would be twelve-storied edifices, with the dining, living and sleeping rooms located at the periphery of the building. Storing rooms, sculleries, and other rooms of less importance would be grouped around the inner axis of the cylinder.

Flocking to the Church. The parish priest, at last bewildered, himself reported the matter to the Archbishop, who instructed him to have the affair examined by some scientific men. A professor from the University was called, and as the pendulum continued to move he had the pendulum hung up near by.

Every day a number of devout people flock to the church to invoke other miracles from the Madonna, and some are brought even in little invalid carriages on wheels.

M. d'Aquino, of the Cathedral, a scholar and professor of physics, has also examined the phenomenon, and, thinking it might be caused either by a peculiar sensibility of distant earthquakes or by the trembling of the wall, had a pendulum placed outside the church, but, after swinging less and less, it came to a total stop like all reasonable pendulums. Meanwhile, the pendulum on the arm of the Madonna kept on swinging briskly and occasionally also moving in circles.

The Archbishop, Cardinal Ascanelli, has decided to visit the church if the phenomenon continues.

Telegrams in Brief.

French revenue returns for April totalled 3,003,000,000 francs showing increases of 630,000,000 compared with Budget forecasts, and 502,000,000 compared with April of last year. The total for the first four months shows an increase of 1,934,000,000 compared with forecasts, and 1,408,000,000 compared with the same period in 1928.

The American Secretary for Commerce, Mr. R. P. Lamont, has stated that the first four months of 1929 evidenced a record in industrial and commercial activity in American history.

German imports for April amounted to 1,953,000,000 marks and exports to 1,231,000,000 marks, compared with 1,031,500,000 and 856,000,000 marks, respectively, in March.

A loan to be issued by the Bank of England on behalf of the Central Electricity Board has been underwritten. The amount will be £3,000,000 and the loan will be devoted to the financing of the schemes of the Electricity Board which was set up to develop the electric supply of Britain.

The Graf Zeppelin has arrived back at Friedrichshafen.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in the garden of St. James Palace, received the colours of the West African regiment. Ex-officers of the regiment attended in khaki and ex-members of the regiment in plain clothes. They were escorted on their way to the place of the Scots Guards.

Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, jun., has been appointed Governor of Porto Rico.

The British Transport General Workers' Union and the Workers' Union have decided to amalgamate from August 3.

**THE SWINGING
PENDANT.****PHENOMENON AT NAPLES.****ON THE ARM OF A
MADONNA.**

The people of Naples are known for their devoted attachment to their Saints and the Madonna. A new miracle there is now causing a great deal of talk, and even some scientific speculation.

A pendant with diamonds attached to a gold bracelet on the arm of a Madonna in the church of the Immacolata on the Chiaia keeps swinging without stopping, although an attempt by a scientist to keep a pendulum going near it has failed utterly. The pendant moves gaily day and night, whilst the pendulum hung up by the scientist has to be pushed every now and then by the hand of its inventor to start action.

A Mother's Gratitude. Naturally, there is something very mysterious in it all, and the people are recalling that, years ago, the mother of a soldier in the war who had no news of her son made a vow to the Madonna. Soon afterwards she received the first letter from the man, and in gratitude she had the pendant made and placed as a votive offering on the arm of the Madonna.

Some weeks ago one of her daughters was praying before the Madonna when she saw the pendant swinging. It never stopped, and she called the attention of the priest twice before he vouchsafed to pay attention to the fact. The girl brought her mother and other people, and all saw the phenomenon.

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FULL REPORT OF THE MATCH.

London.—Political conditions in Great Britain have far outgrown the machinery of election according to the Proportional Representation Society which has just issued its annual report. The report is entitled "The Electoral Gamble," and points out that with over 500 three-cornered contests scheduled to take place on May 30, there is a possibility of more than half the

Hong Kong: Chan Sik Pui; Luang Wing Chiu and Lee Tin Sang; Ho Cho Yin, Leung Wing Tak and Leung Yin Chan; Cho Kwai Shing, Chui Kwok Luen, Sat Pui Tim, Ho Ka Keung and Ip Pak Wah.

Shipping.—Preferred Indos continue in demand at \$47½. Douglas Steamships at \$33 remain very dull with an inclination to weakness. Steamboats are obtainable at \$26, and Tugs and Lighters at \$23.60. Shell Transport (Bearer) have declared a final dividend of 3/- payable on July 5 (Coupon No. 54).

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Exchange.—The T.T. rate on London to-day is 1/11 and on Shanghai 81.

Forward Settlement Days.—May 28, and June 25, 1929.

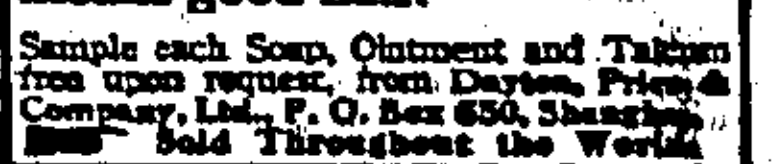
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AQUATICS.

HOW TO POPULARISE LOCAL SWIMMING.

[By J. R. JOHNSTONE.]

[The following article has been specially written for the Daily Press by Mr. J. R. Johnstone, one of the Colony's best-known swimmers. Beside his experience in aquatic matters locally, Mr. Johnstone is well-known in Shanghai, and has had what might be termed international experience, having raced in company with some of the world's best swimmers.]

Mr. Johnstone will write on aquatics for the Daily Press from time to time, and in the course of his next article will give some useful hints on the "crawl" stroke as it is employed nowadays.]

The depressing state of affairs revealed at the annual meeting of the V.R.C. recently was a great disappointment to those who have been closely connected with local aquatics for the past few years. The V.R.C. has been the Colony's leading swimming institution, and the poor state of its finances at the present time is somewhat alarming from the swimmers' point of view.

To restore the Club to its old footing, I would suggest that more aquatic meetings be held during the summer season, and that events should be held, not only for members of the Club, but also members of the other clubs in Hong Kong who are interested in swimming. Provided that the meetings are efficiently managed, they should prove remunerative to the organisers and a boon to swimmers.

The programme, first of all, should include races not only for the older and more experienced swimmers of Hong Kong but for beginners as well. In order to instil interest amongst novices, coaching classes should be arranged with a view to bringing promising youngsters up to championship calibre.

New Ideas Wanted.

My experience of swimming, not only in Hong Kong but also in other places, leads me to think that several innovations could, with profit, be introduced into Hong Kong, and I will deal with these in due course. Meantime, it would be sufficient to say that everything possible should be done to promote close and amiable relationship between Chinese and non-Chinese swimmers in Hong Kong.

From what I can see for myself and from reports that have reached me, Chinese swimmers have made rapid strides in recent years. Their progress can be traced to several facts.

Firstly, every Chinese endeavours to the best of his ability, to represent his country in the Far Eastern Olympics. Serious training is undertaken, and the result is that when the trials are held, plenty of good talent is available.

Secondly, Inter-club sports are frequent, and races for swimmers of all standards are arranged so that as soon as a Chinese youth learns to swim, there is every inducement for him to train.

Thirdly, supporters of the different clubs are both influential and generous, and there is never any difficulty in getting prizes, cups, medals, etc., which undoubtedly add interest to every sports meeting and act as an incentive to training.

Fourthly, there are plenty of facilities available for practice, and coaches are not difficult to secure.

There are other reasons why the Chinese are making good progress, and they now have swimmers who are as good as, if not better than, those who hold local records.

In future years they are bound to come to the front, and the sooner this is realised the better.

I suggest that at future aquatic meetings held by the V.R.C. the Committee should include events for outsiders. Only by doing so can they create keener rivalry and thus popularise their swimming fixtures.

Water-polo is one of the Colony's main sporting features in summer, and there are many reasons for promoting greater interest. Games could easily be arranged, for instance, between civilians, the Army, and the Navy. The Chinese, I know, have some very good teams, and if water-polo in Hong Kong could be run by an aquatic federation, the sport would grow by leaps and bounds in popularity.

Interest the Ladies.

There is, also, to my mind, another way of making the public take more interest in things aquatic. Events for women will always interest, and in view of the progress made both by Chinese ladies and foreign ladies, there should be plenty of entries for events of this kind.

In former years an annual "inter-club" competition was held for swimmers of Hong Kong and Shanghai, and this was a great inducement to younger swimmers seeking fame. As a result some excellent swimmers were produced.

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THE BRAIN OF "ROOM 40."

SIR A. EWING'S RECORD.

GERMANS FOILED BY A SCHOLAR.

What has been described as "the best kept secret of the War" was locked, until many years after hostilities had ceased, in the brain of Sir Alfred Ewing, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Edinburgh University, who was presented with the freedom of Edinburgh recently. Sir Alfred, who is 74, retires in September.

The secret is the story of what happened in "Room 40," the department of the Admiralty which dealt with the solving of the enemy's wireless messages in cipher intercepted by our secret listening stations. Room 40 was wholly controlled by Sir Alfred Ewing.

Scattered up and down the east coast were wireless stations equipped with direction-finding apparatus, and a few minutes after a German warship had sent out a message to headquarters, that message was in the hands of the staff of Room 40 and the position of the ship was picked off on the map. It was in this way that a close watch was kept on the German fleet, who could never solve how their plans were getting to English ears.

The Unseen Eye.

The day before the battle of the Dogger Bank the Admiralty were in possession of the whole of the plans of the German Navy, and during the battle they were intercepting and solving orders in code. Similarly the battle of Jutland was watched by the unseen eye of the Admiralty.

Zeppelins on their way back from bombing raids were very conspicuous, and submarines used to wireless home their "bag." It was Room 40 which decoded the message from the U 20 giving full details of the sinking of the Lusitania.

Perhaps the most spectacular thing accomplished by Room 40 was the decoding of the now notorious "Zimmerman" message which brought the United States into the War. The message was the offer to Mexico by Germany of an alliance against the United States.

When the message was received it was conveyed secretly to Lord Balfour and sent to President Wilson, who had it published in the American Press. That message turned the scales, and the United States entered the War on the side of the Allies.

The intercept meet was something which the public looked forward to and followed closely. It also meant a fair profit to the V.R.C., who ran it in those years. It is to be regretted that the intercept has been discontinued and its revival would help to re-establish the high standard of swimming which the Colony attained some years ago. Our Chinese friends can be of great assistance in the event of an intercept, as they have both talent and backing and the Colony would be well represented as regards swimmers in the event of a "dash" with our Northern friends.

I will give my readers some idea in future articles of what is taking place in the different Hong Kong clubs. Hints on the art of the "crawl" will be given in my next article appearing on Saturday, June 1.

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TJISALAE	DALAT, K'Lung & Amoy	17th June	19th June, 4 p.m.	MANILA, M'KASAR & SOERABAYA
TJISONDARI	S'hai & Amoy	24th June	26th June, 4 p.m.	BATAVIA

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TJILBOET	JAVA, MAKASSAR	12th June	14th June, Amoy & S'hai	
TJISONDARI	BATAVIA	12th June	14th June, Amoy & S'hai	
TJIKEMBANG	BATAVIA	22nd June	24th June, Amoy & S'hai	
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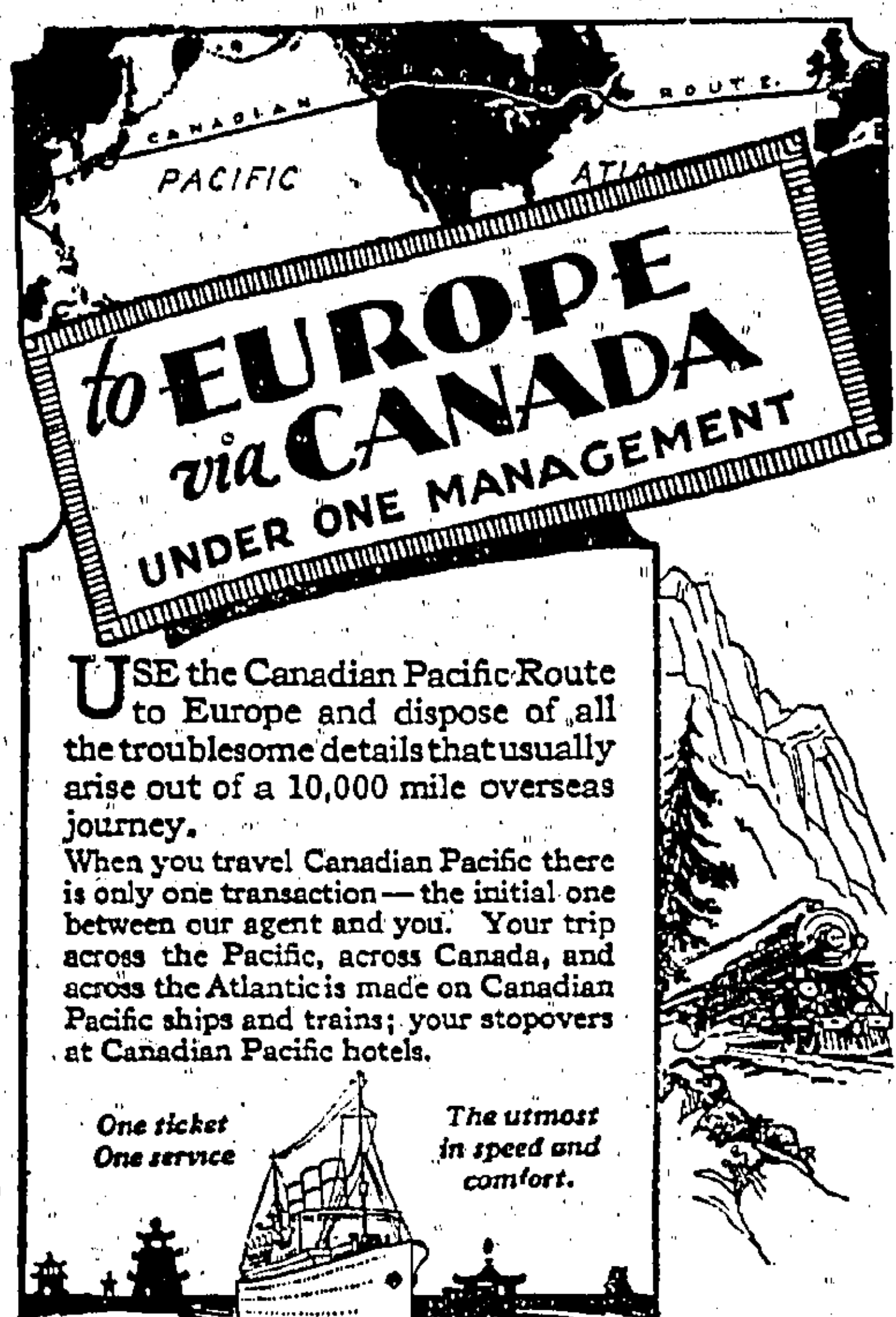
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORT 5,500 TONS, THROUGH 21,000 TONS.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday the returns to the Harbour Office of cargo carried by vessels arriving Hong Kong were as follows:—

British	Cargo for	Through
H.K.	H.K.	Ports.
Newchwang	—	2,000
Hong Kong	200	1,300
Rossington Court	Cardiff 2,000	5,800
Luchow	Shanghai 230	570
An Lai	Singapore 300	—
	—	4,530 — 9,670
Norwegian		
Daviken	Singapore 1,000	—
Bransland	Chinwangtao 1,600	2,000
	—	2,000 — 2,000
German		
Kathe	Newchwang 300	1,800
	—	300 — 1,800
Japanese		
Durban Maru	Liverpool 400	7,000
	—	400 — 7,000
Chinese		
Tak Hing	Macao 40	—
An Lee	Dairen 350	—
	—	350 —
Portuguese		
Wing Lee	K. C. Wan 280	—
	—	280 —
Total	5,500	21,170

Arrivals and Departures.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	5	2
Norwegian	3	2
German	1	2
Japanese	1	2
Chinese	2	5
Portuguese	1	0
Dutch	0	1
Total	13	15

S.S. KOCHOW RETURNS.

SAFE TRIP TO SHAMSHUI.

The s.s. Kochow (Capt. Mannera) returned yesterday morning at 3.30 a.m. from Shamshui in the West River. The vessel left Hong Kong on Wednesday making the first trip since the lay up owing to the blockade by Canton gunboats at Shamshui. The master reports that he had no difficulty in reaching and entering Shamshui Harbour and states that the place seems to be deserted as regards troops. The Chinese gunboats which were moved up river, apparently following the big drive of the Cantonese troops to Wuchow.

He met the s.s. Sanning and s.s. Chung On just as he was entering Wangmoon. The s.s. Tai Ming will in all probability sail this evening for Shamshui.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

NEW BRITISH ARRIVAL.

The s.s. Rossington Court which arrived here yesterday from Cardiff and Singapore paid her first visit to this port. The vessel carried 2,300 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 5,600 tons for through ports. She is owned by the United British S.S. Company for whom Messrs. Mackinnon Mackenzie are the local agents. Captain J. W. Winter is in command with a crew of 29 British and 9 Asiatics. The vessel is berthed at the Kowloon wharves. Her sister ship the s.s. Tilington Court is also due here shortly.

S.S. Luncheon at the Dock.

The s.s. Luncheon of the Steamboat Company, which is at present undergoing repairs at the Taikoo Docks following damage sustained when she was in collision with s.s. Tung On, is expected to be ready for service at the end of the month.

Death at Sea.

The master of the s.s. Anhui (British) arriving from Singapore and Amoy reports the death of a deck passenger during the voyage on May 16, from beri beri.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived here per s.s. Morea:—Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnston; Mr. A. J. Linde, Mr. C. H. Ashworth, Miss J. Bidwell, Mr. S. K. Zee, Mr. C. H. Chen, Mr. K. Y. Liang, Mr. D. F. Feng, Mr. F. J. Braga, Mr. J. Frankia, Mr. R. A. Rabam, Mr. A. F. Gladstone, Miss F. Calvert, Capt. J. G. Coxeter, and child.

CLEARANCES.

May 24.

Bransland, for Canton.
Cape York, for Vancouver.
Burna, for Shanghai.
Glaiching, for Swatow.
Haldia, for Whampoa.
Hangsang, for Canton.
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Kunghow, for Hoihow.
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M.S. "Panama"	8th June	17th July
M.S. "Danmark"	17th June	28th July
M.S. "Java"	18th July	28th August
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"LAHORE"	5,253	1st June	Marsa, I. don, A. w. p. B. d. m. B. bog
"DELTA"	5,097	8th June	Marseilles, London and Hull
"JEYPORE"	5,318	15th June	Marsa, I. don, A. w. p. B. d. m. B. bog
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	22nd June	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"PERIM"	7,648	29th June	Marsa, I. don, A. w. p. B. d. m. B. bog
"KASHGAR"	9,005	6th July	Marseilles, London and Hull
"MIRZAPORE"	6,715	9th July	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
"ALIPORE"	5,973	16th July	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
"KHIVA"	9,135	30th July	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	2nd Aug.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
"KHYBER"	9,114	3rd Aug.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"MALWA"	10,980	17th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"KASHMIR"	8,885	31st Aug.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"MOREA"	10,953	14th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"MANTUA"	10,948	15th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"MIRZAPORE"	6,715	2nd Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
"ALIPORE"	5,973	7th Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
"KARMALA"	9,128	12th Oct.	Marseilles and London
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	23rd Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	9,144	26th Oct.	Marseilles and London
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	9th Nov.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"KASHGAR"	9,005	23rd Nov.	Marseilles and London
"RAWALPINDI"	18,819	7th Dec.	do.
"MALWA"	10,980	21st Dec.	do.

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"SANTHA"	7,764	4th July	do.
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"ARAFURA"	6,000	2nd Aug.	Sydney and Melbourne.
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"ROSSINGTON COURT"	—	25th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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